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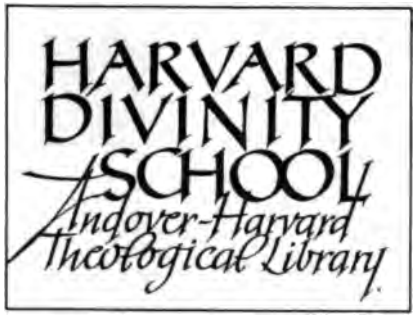
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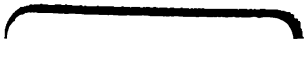

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

OF MINNESOTA.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota met at Minneapolis, Thursday evening, October 14, 1875. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Ray, of Lake City, from Romans i: 16.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by Rev. H. A. Stimson.

On motion, Revs. L. W. Chaney, S. H. Barteau and J. W. Strong were appointed a Committee on Nominations, who reported, and the following officers were elected:

*Moderator*—Rev. L. H. Cobb.
*Scribe*—Rev. H. B. Tuttle.
*Assistant Scribe*—Rev. E. S. Williams.
*Recording Secretary and Treasurer*—Rev. C. A. Hampton.
*Corresponding Secretary*—N. C. Chapin.
*Statistical Secretary*—R. Hall.
*Auditor*—H. W. Page.

The following is the completed Roll of the members of the Conference:

| *Places.* | *Pastors.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Afton | N. Clark | L. I. Olds. |
| Albert Lea | E. H. Alden | |
| Alexandria | W. W. Norton | H. Fiske. |
| Audubon | P. W. Fay | |
| Austin | | H. W. Page. |
| Anoka | | H. Fitch. |
| Belle Prairie | | A. H. Kendall. |
| Brainerd | | R. M. Newport. |
| Cannon City | A. K. Mitchell | |

| *Places.* | *Pastors.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | C. A. Rudduck | |
| Clearwater | J. G. D. Stearns | N. Walker. |
| Cottage Grove | E. J. Hart | S. M. Furbes. |
| Detroit | P. Fay | |
| Dodge Center | F. McCrakin | D. A. Armstrong. |
| Douglas | C. A. Rudduck | |
| Duluth | C. C. Salter | W. S. Woodbridge. |
| Excelsior | C. B. Sheldon | J. W. Murray. |
| Faribault | W. J. Parrott | J. L. Noyes. |
| Fergus Falls | G. A. Hood | |
| Glencoe | A. Graves | |
| Granite Falls | J. D. Todd | |
| Hancock | J. L. Fonda | A. C. Sherwood. |
| Lac qui Parle | O. A. Starr | |
| Lake City | J. W. Ray | M. C. Humphrey. |
| Lakeland | N. Clark | |
| Little Falls | D. W. Rosenkrans | |
| Mankato | L. W. Chaney | Miss Tukey. |
| Mantorville | Wm. Gill | |
| Marine Mills | W. M. Weld | |
| Marshall | H. C. Simmons | |
| Mazeppa | S. H. Barteau | |
| Medford | J. N. Powell | N. Williamson. |
| Minneapolis, First | E. M. Williams | P. D. McMillan. |
| " Plymouth | H. A. Stimson | |
| " Second | E. S. Williams | A. H. Bode. |
| " Pilgrim | C. A. Hampton | Eli Morrill. |
| Montevideo | O. A. Starr | |
| Morris | J. L. Fonda | |
| Northfield | D. L. Leonard | W. H. Norton. |
| Owatonna | O. C. Dickerson | E. H. Ridell. |
| Park | L. Kribs | |
| Plainview | H. Willard | |
| East Prairieville | A. R. Mitchell | Mrs. G. Adams. |
| Rose Creek | A. Morse | O. Wheelock. |
| Rushford | W. W. Snell | Mrs. J. E. Snell. |
| Sauk Centre | A. J. Pike | |
| Sleepy Eye | O. P. Champlin | J. Lidell. |
| Spring Valley | C. W. Merrill | J. B. Thayer. |
| St. Charles | | B. M. Cravath. |
| St. Paul | C. M. Terry | C. E. Dyer. |
| Waseca | L. Loring | S. N. Sherwin. |
| Worthington | A. B. Tuttle | |
| Winona | | H. Stevens. |
| Zumbrota | S. H. Barteau | I. C. Stearns. |

ALSO:

Rev. L. H. Cobb, Superintendent of Missions.

Rev. Geo. Johnson.

Rev. G. W. Nelson.

T. C. Kinne.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., Sect. A. H. M. S. New York.
Rev. W. Barrows, D. D., Sec. Mass. Home Mission Society.
Rev. Jas. Powell, Western Section A. M. A.
Rev. D. Stewart, of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis.
Rev. E. D. Neill, President Macalister College.
Rev. R. S. Armstrong.
Rev. A. J. Davis, of Free Will Baptist Church, Minneapolis.
Rev. E. G. Lervis.
Rev. J. F. Dudley.
Rev. E. Douglas, Minneapolis.
Rev. E. Lyman, Minneapolis.
Rev.——Newton.
Rev. R. Hall, St. Paul.
Rev. E. W. Merrill.
Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D. President of Carleton College.

An essay on "The Religion of New England, one hundred years ago," was read by Rev. C. C. Salter. The thanks of the Conference were extended to Bro. Salter, and his essay was ordered printed in the minutes. (See appendix M.) The Conference here united in prayer, with Dr. Barrows of Boston, giving thanks for the legacy left us by New England.

The salutations from other Religious bodies were next received: Rev. D. Stewart, D. D., from the Presbyterian body; Rev. A. J. Davis, from the Baptist body; Rev. E. D. Neill, from the Reformed Episcopalian; Rev. J. F. Dudley, from the Congregational and Presbyterian Association of Wisconsin.

The Conference then listened to Robert Smith, representing the Western Seamen's Friend Society. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Mr. Robert Smith, agent of the Western Seamen's Friend Society, having reported the work of that Society in this State and other sections of our country,

*Therefore, Resolved*, That we do cordially endorse him (Robt. Smith) and his work, and recommend him to the sympathy and co-operation of the Churches.

Rev. C. M. Terry presented the claims of the Ladies' Temperance League.

Rev. A. J. Pike read an appeal from the Minnesota Temperance Union, to the Churches of the State. The two appeals from the Temperance Societies were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev.'s S. H. Barteau, Ray and Douglas. The Committee on Nominations consists of Revs. J. W. Strong, Edward M. Williams, E. J. Hart.

Treasurer's Report was presented by H. W. Page, auditor, and was ordered printed. (See appendix B.)

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Dudley.

The report of the Committee on Revivals was read by Rev. L. W. Chaney, and Rev. L. Loring led in a prayer of special thanksgiving. After some discussion, the paper was ordered printed in the minutes. (See appendix N.) The topic, what changes are necessary in methods and manner, to make preaching more effective, was discussed.

The report of the state of the Churches, by Rev. N. C. Chapin, was read by Rev. Edwin S. Williams, and ordered printed. (See appendix F.) An opportunity was given to Rev. Jas. Powell to present the claims of the American Missionary Association. The following resolution was then adopted:

*Resolved*, That Rev. A. J. Pike be appointed State Secretary by this Conference, and empowered to issue a yearly circular to the Churches, with reference to the work of the A. M. A.

Auditor H. W. Page read the report of the Treasurer of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, which was adopted. (See appendix C.)

Upon report of the committee, the Church at Winnebago Agency was received into the Conference.

## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at half-past seven.

Opened with singing; prayer by Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D.

Report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence was read by Rev. H. A. Stimson, and adopted. (See appendix G.)

The next topic discussed was, our Sabbath Schools. Opened by Henry Plant.

Adjourned until Saturday afternoon, to give place to the State Home Missionary Society.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2 P. M. by the Moderator.

Prayer offered by Rev. G. W. Nelson.

Report of Statistical Secretary, Rev. R. Hall, was heard. (See appendix E.)

Report of Committee on Endowment of the chair of Physical Science in Carleton College. (See appendix D.) And the report of Committee on Visiting the College was given by Rev. C. M. Terry. (See appendix I.)

President Strong presented his annual report on the condition of the College. (See appendix H.)

Voted that a tax of 3 cents per member be assessed for the printing of the minutes and other expenses.

Special Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted. (See appendix O.)

Voted that the Business Committee secure for next year a paper on the Lutheran Church, its theology and its relation to our Christian work among our Scandinavian population.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. F. McKraken.

The Committee on the Place and Preacher reported Austin as the place, and Rev. G. A. Hood as preacher, Rev. L. [illegible]oring as alternate.

Rev. Edward M. Williams spoke in behalf of the American Board.

Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., gave a short address in behalf of the Home Missionary Society.

Rev. W. Barrows followed in behalf of both the Home Missionary Society and Congregational Union.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we hereby express the thanks of this Conference to the Church and families so kindly entertaining us during the session.

Voted that the Conference adjourn at the close of the Sabbath evening service.

L. H. COBB, Moderator.
H. B. TUTTLE, }
E. S. WILLIAMS, } Scribes.
C. A. HAMPTON, Rec. Sec. & Treas.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Society was called to order Oct. 16, 1875, at 9:45 A. M., President J. W. Strong in the chair. Rev. Geo. A. Hood was chosen temporary Scribe. Revs. L. W. Chaney, E. S. Williams and Bro. J. L. Noyes were appointed a Nominating Committee.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and accepted. (Appendix D.)

Supt. L. H. Cobb presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (Appendix L.)

The Nominating Committee then read the following list of officers, who were elected:

President—Jas. W. Strong, D. D.
Treasurer—Wm. Cheney.
Auditor—R. J. Baldwin.
Directors at Large—Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. N. C. Chapin.

The District Conferences presented nominations for Executive Committees of the local Conferences, and they were elected as follows:

Owatonna Conference—Revs. L. W. Chaney, A. Morse, L. Loring.
Western Conference—Revs. O. A. Starr, H. C. Simmons, J. D. Todd.
Winona Conference—Revs. J. W. Ray, S. H. Barteau, N. C. Chapin.
Anoka Conference—Revs. H. A. Stimson, A. J. Pike, A. Graves.

Concerning the overtures from the Presbyteries, it was voted that these papers be referred to a special committee, which shall report to-day.

On this Committee, Revs. L. W. Chaney, E. M. Williams and A. J. Pike were named by the Nominating Committee, and elected.

A proposition was made to appoint Rev. R. Hall Assistant Superintendent, during the discussion of which the Society adjourned to 4 P. M., after prayer by Rev. E. S. Williams.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society was called to order, and the debate on appointment of an Assistant Superintendent resumed.

Rev. E. J. Hart reported that during the year $108.00 had been contributed to the Woman's Cent Society.

It was voted—That the pledges made to provide for the salary of Rev. R. Hall as a special assistant to the Home Missionary Superintendent, and the question of his employment in the manner proposed, be referred to a committee of three, with instructions to correspond with the American Home Missionary Society, and to take measures to carry out what in their judgment of the case may seem best.

Revs. C. M. Terry, E. M. Williams and L. W. Chaney were then elected as this committee.

The report of the Committee on Overtures from the Presbyteries was adopted. (Appendix K.)

It was then voted that a copy of this report be sent to each of the Presbyteries, and one to Rev. D. C. Lyon.

After prayer by Rev. E. M. Williams, the Society adjourned *sine die.*

GEO. A. HOOD, Temporary Scribe.

JAS. W. STRONG, Pres't.

# APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX A.

### COMMITTEES.

*On Place and Preacher*—Rev. J. W. Ray, H. W. Page, Rev. L. W. Chaney.

*Reception of Churches*—Revs. R. Hall, J. G. D. Stearns, B. M. Cravath.

*Business Committee*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, J. D. Todd and J. L. Noyes.

*On Finance and Printing*—Rev. C. A. Hampton, Wm. Cheney, A. H. Bode.

*On Resolutions*—Revs. D. L. Leonard, A. Morse, C. W. Merrill, Bro. H, Stevens, Leavitt J. Olds.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. H. A. Stimson, H. W. Page, Rev. E. H. Alden.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, Edwin S. Williams, N. Clark, B. M. Cravath and O. W. Shaw.

*On Endowment of Chair of Physical Science in Carleton College*—Revs. Edwin M. Williams, C. M. Terry, and D. R. Noyes, Jr., D. C. Bell and W. H. Norton.

*On Revivals*—Revs. J. W. Ray, L. W. Chaney, D. L. Leonard.

*On Arrangements*—Revs. C. E Wright, A. Morse and H. W. Page.

# APPENDIX B.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Minnesota Congregational Conference in acc't with Horace Bumstead, Treasurer:*

| 1874. | *Dr.* | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 19. | Paid Johnson & Smith, printing 2,000 copies minutes . . | $110 00 |
| " | " " " 100 postals . . . . . | 1 75 |
| Nov. 30. | " R. Hall, for statistical blanks, &c., . . . . . | 5 85 |
| 1875. | | |
| Oct. 2. | Postage and express on minutes to date . . . . . | 5 56 |
| " | Balance on hand . . . . . | 69 18 |
| | Total . . . . . | $192 34 |

| 1874. | *Cr.* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 7. | Balance from last year . . . . . | 96 49 | |
| Dec. 3. | Cash from Carleton College, advertising . . . . . | 6 86 | |
| 1875. | | | |
| Oct. 2. | Cash from tax on Churches to date . . . . . | 80 02 | |
| " | Interest on balance deposited . . . . . | 8 97 | |
| | | | $192 34 |
| Oct. 2. | Balance on hand . . . . . | | $69 18 |

HORACE BUMSTEAD, *Treasurer.*

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 2, 1875.

Correctly cast, and vouchers for all payments except postage and expressage on minutes.

H. W. PAGE, *Auditor.*

# APPENDIX C.

## TREASURER'S REPORT WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

*The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society in Account with J. A. Towle, Treasurer:*

CASH ACCOUNT.

| 1874. | *Dr.* | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 8. | To balance on hand | $ 38 74 |
| " 9. | " collection at Winona | 22 00 |
| " 11. | " communion collection | 12 32 |
| " 21. | " received of W. B. Dada, interest on note | 12 00 |
| Nov. 3. | " Bank of Northfield, paid note $16.00, int. .78 | 16 78 |
| " 15. | " A. L. Presen, paid note $100.00, int. $12.00 | 112 00 |
| Dec. 15. | " Bank of Austin, paid note $167.00, int. $15.63 | 182 63 |
| 1875. | | |
| Jan. 20. | " G. F. Batchelder, paid note $50.00, int. $4.53 | 54 53 |
| | Total | 451 00 |
| 1874 | *Cr.* | |
| Oct. 10. | By paid Mrs. L. N. Bigelow, (vou. 7) | 20 00 |
| Nov. 3. | " loan to Bank of Austin, 10 per cent., 1 year | 80 08 |
| " 15. | " loan to A. L. Presen, 12 per cent., 1 year | 100 00 |
| Dec. 15. | " loan to Bank of Austin, 10 per cent., 1 year | 162 63 |
| " " | " paid Mrs. Bigelow, (vou. 8) | 20 00 |
| 1875. | | |
| Jan. 22. | " loan to 1st Nat'l Bank of Northfield, 6 per cent. 6 mos. | 65 00 |
| Oct. 15. | " Cash on hand | 3 37 |
| | | $451 00 |

ASSETS, OCT. 15, 1875.

| | |
|---|---|
| Advance (Chicago) one share | |
| Note of W. B. Dada and H. Willard | $100 00 |
| Int. to date, 12 per cent. | 12 00 |
| " A. L. Presen, et al. | 100 00 |
| Int. to date, 12 per cent. | 11 00 |
| " 1st National Bank of Austin | 80 00 |
| Int. to date, 10 per cent. | 7 35 |
| " 1st National Bank, Austin. | 162 63 |
| Int. to date, 10 per cent | 13 55 |
| " 1st National Bank, Northfield. | 65 00 |
| Int. to date | 2 83 |
| Cash balance | 2 37 |
| Total | $556 73 |
| Assets reported last year at Winona | 511 32 |
| Showing net increase of | $45 41 |

Audited and found correct, and assets all as reported.

HARLAN W. PAGE, *Auditor.*

# APPENDIX D.

## REPORT TREAS. MINN. HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

*Wm. Cheney, Treasurer Minn. H. M. Society, in account with Am. Home Miss. Society:*

*Dr.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1874. | | | |
| Oct. 28. | To Cash of | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | $ 12 94 |
| Nov. 7. | " " " | Woman's Cent Society, of Minnesota | 156 57 |
| Dec. 2. | " " " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 51 13 |
| " 23. | " " " | 1st Cong. Church of Zumbrota | 48 00 |
| " 29. | " " " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 17 10 |
| 1875. | | | |
| Jan. 4. | " " " | Cong. Union Church, Austin | 25 50 |
| " 13. | " " " | Cong. Church, Excelsior | 6 00 |
| Feb. 2. | " " " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 18 63 |
| March 2. | " " " | " " " | 13 97 |
| " 29. | " " " | " " " | 13 00 |
| April 28. | " " " | " " " | 28 36 |
| May 31. | " " " | " " " | 8 85 |
| July 1. | " " " | " " " | 8 25 |
| " 23. | " " " | Excelsior Cong. Church | 8 00 |
| " 27. | " " " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 6 99 |
| Sept. 1. | " " " | " " " | 8 82 |
| " 2. | " " " | Cong. Union Church, Austin | 60 81 |
| | | Total | $456 92 |

*Cr.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74. | | | | | | | |
| 29. | By remittance to Treasurer A. H. M. Society. . . . . | | | | | | 12 94 |
| . 2. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 171 70 |
| 29. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 65 10 |
| 75. | | | | | | | |
| 28. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 31 50 |
| . 26. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 18 63 |
| ch 27. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 13 97 |
| il 26. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 13 00 |
| y 31. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 28 36 |
| e 29. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 8 85 |
| 26. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 16 25 |
| y 31. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 6 99 |
| t 28. | " | " | " | " | " | . . . . . | 69 63 |
| | | | | | Total . . . . . | | $456 92 |

udited, found correct and properly vouched.

HARLAN W. PAGE, *Auditor.*

## CEIPTS OF A. H. M. SOCIETY FROM MINNESOTA, FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1875.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 74. | | |
| ust. . . . . | $ | 18 36 |
| ember . . . . . | | 183 01 |
| ber . . . . . | | 84 87 |
| ember . . . . . | | 26 12 |
| ember . . . . . | | 291 03 |
| 75. | | |
| uary . . . . . | | 84 98 |
| ruary . . . . . | | 153 25 |
| ch . . . . . | | 52 80 |
| il . . . . . | | 43 98 |
| . . . . . | | 55 00 |
| . . . . . | | 217 92 |
| . . . . . | | 101 98 |
| Total . . . . . | | $1,313 30 |

# APPENDIX F.

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1875.

This report can be by no means complete. It is difficult for the Corresponding Secretary to get all the facts which should be embodied or comprehended in such report. If a carefully prepared account of the "State of Religion" in each District Conference, such as the clerk in each case might furnish, were sent to the Corresponding Secretary in good season, it would enable him to set forth the condition of our churches as otherwise he cannot. A recommendation of this sort to the local Conferences by the General Conference would be wise. Either some such provision should be made for this annual report, or it should be left for the Statistical Clerk and the Home Missionary Supt. to give a sufficient account of the work of the year and its results.

The statistics show an increase of seven in the number of churches. In 67 out of 93 churches, 535 additions are reported; on confession, 334. The removals are 214; 35 by death and 6 by exclusion. Here is a gain in number of communicants of 321, an average of about five for each church reporting. The total membership in 67 churches is 3,357; of the whole number, 65 per cent. are females. These figures tell little of the real struggle of our churches, or of the real gains they have made during the year. For these we should have to weigh rather than count, and we have not the scales for such an estimate. How much christian life has grown, how many have really begun that life, what holy influences have been working out from these churches, secretly and silently, but potently, upon souls and homes and communities, no statistics show. Only we know that christian fidelity, integrity and right living—church prayers, zeal and effort have not been wasted labor anywhere.

A few churches are able to tell gladly of revivals near the opening of the year 1875. These have come in connection with multiplied prayers and extraordinary efforts. In many cases, the union of christians of different names in prayer and work has seemed to insure the larger success. In all cases, it appears that the blessing of God has attended the earnest prayers and resolute endeavors of His people. When the churches plan, and organize, and consecrate and gird themselves for the campaign, and throw their strength fairly and fully in the service, Heaven helps their weakness, and they win victories. It may very well be asked why, if this be the law of growth for the Kingdom of God, any of our churches should fail to make progress, and fail by aggressive movements to gain ground from the enemy. Also, it may be asked why there should be vigorous christian and church

life, and successful work for the conversion of men, only now and then, or only for a few months of the year. A revival, in the true meaning, must, of course, come after a decline. Why not hope and pray for a healthy church life that shall not sink? Why not expect and work for the steady building up of the church, and for the daily gathering in of the saved?

Special mention should be made of the work of God's Spirit early in the year, in Mankato and neighboring towns. The first visible beginnings of this work were in the observance of the days of fasting and prayer, recommended by our last Conference. There was also a coming together of disciples in the separate churches, and a hearty putting forth of continuous effort to reach the people with the terror and the love of the Lord. A very large number of hopeful conversions followed, and the work spread into other towns. One brother, Rev. L. W. Chaney, of Mankato, was enabled to labor long and well at home and abroad, and Conference will doubtless hear from his own lips what great things the Lord hath done on those fields.

It appears, so far as the facts are known, that the year has been, if not one of great success, certainly of general prosperity—our churches for the most part holding their ground, and gaining rather than losing. There have been, as usual, many changes in our ministry. A permanent pastorate is, in these days, almost a thing unknown. It, perhaps, does not matter much, if only there can be an efficient pastorate. What advance may have been made in possessing new fields, and pushing our missionary work beyond previous limits, Conference will learn from Supt. Cobb. Hope is rising in many hearts all over the land for a quiet religious awakening in the next months. Hopefully these Minnesota Congregational Churches may look out into the near future, sure that for them the good time is coming, if they are getting ready for it; if they, by freshened zeal and more fervent prayers, and new consecration and bolder enterprise, will help it come.

We are not straitened at all, except in ourselves. The field is before us, and we are here to work it. Whatever may seem to favor or hinder in outward conditions, we have the great King's Word that He is with us always, and we are assured by all experience that work well done for Christ and his kingdom always tells in large and glorious results. Shall not the next conference year give us fresh and glad proof that this old law abides? That our gospel and our Christ, mighty to save, are the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

N. C. CHAPIN, *Cor. Sec.*

ROCHESTER, Oct. 12, 1875.

# APPENDIX G.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

In response to the usual circular which we sent to the Churches of the Conference, we have reports from forty-one churches. Of these, eight have adopted the Conference plan in full, and eight in part; ten make annual contributions to some of the societies, and fifteen have no plan in their beneficence. The aggregate of benevolent contributions for the year is $7,805.52. Nineteen pastors report that they have presented the subject of Systematic Giving to their people during the year. The returns last year were so incomplete that we must go back to the report of 1873 to find a basis for comparisons; comparing this year with that we find that the aggregate of contributions is $800 less than two years ago. There has been a general diminution in the contributions of many of the smaller churches, which is offset by the appearance of contributions for the first time from other missionary churches. The returns from Lake City fall from $950 to $340; Faribault, $840 to $350; Plymouth, Minneapolis, $2,400 to $1,800—an aggregate diminution of $1,700. On the other hand, Winona has advanced from $975 to $1,700. These changes may in part be explained by the wide spread devastation of the grasshoppers last year, and in part by considerations local to these churches, but they are commended to the attention of the brethren. One other church, that of Medford, has given up the plan of the Conference, under which they gave $115, and as a consequence, has for two years past reported no contributions.

We would again commend to the churches the plan of the Conference for Systematic Beneficence. It secures to the various causes in which we are interested their proportionate share of our contributions; it keeps the churches reminded of their duty in beneficence; it exalts giving as an act of worship, and experience has fully proved that it has an important stimulating effect upon the spiritual life of the churches adopting it. One pastor writes: "Pray for us, that we may be able to do more for the Master and for ourselves. I am not discouraged, nor should the soldier be, but the *devil of indifference* has a mighty fort in ———. It requires more than ordinary efforts to take it."

This "devil of indifference" is the chief adversary of all our churches, and we could wish that the pastors were more fully persuaded that in this, rather than in poverty, lies the chief reason of small contributions. In confirmation of this, we observe that where a church undergoes a change of pastor, there is for a time an immediate falling off in its beneficence—the incoming minister does not know what

his church ought to do, and the church is too indifferent to do its duty without his pressing it. We would recommend the pastors who have recently come among us to inform themselves of what is doing in the State, to see each that his own church is doing its full duty in this matter.

We rejoice to be able to report again a decided improvement in the matter of providing for current expenses. Most of the smaller churches provide for their pastors' salary by subscription, which is generally reported as the best that can be done. A half dozen have adopted the envelope plan, and report favorably upon it —notably, Winona, which raises $3,000 in this way, and keeps out of debt. Two churches rent their pews; both report the matter unsatisfactory, one so much so that it is preparing to abandon it for the envelope plan.

These different methods of providing for current expenses have a varied value in different churches. On the whole, that method is the best which is worked the most effectively. Your committee urgently protests against the slipshod method or want of method for providing for incidental expenses, which prevails in some of our churches. In some cases, oil, fuel and sexton are allowed to appear at every Sabbath service to claim the weekly offering that should go to benevolence. A little attention and method, we are sure, would provide for these necessities more effectually and more wisely in another way. Another imperfect method and its consequences are thus set forth by the report from one of the churches: "The deacon finds the oil, the pastor finds the fuel, the ladies find the sexton, and others find fault."

These things involve not only the interests of the Lord's cause at large and the spiritual life of the churches, but also the common honesty and the internal peace of each particular church. Your committee believe the facts brought out warrant the Conference in pressing the whole subject of beneficence and finance upon the earnest attention of the churches.

HENRY A. STIMSON.
HARLAN W. PAGE.

# OUR PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

*To the Members and Congregations of the Congregational Churches:*

At the annual meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota, held at Lake City, Oct. 10th, 1872, the following plan was adopted and recommended to the churches for their benevolent contributions for the coming year.

The plan is based upon two general principles, viz:

1st. Christian giving is an act of worship: honoring the Lord with our substance.

2d. All Christian giving should be systematic, thoughtful and intelligent.

These principles are believed to be essential to all acceptable offering of our gifts to God: and it is because we feel that they have not been sufficiently recognized in our former methods, that the present plan is presented. This plan proposes a collection *every Sabbath morning;* the amount contributed ordinarily to be divided *pro rata* among the following causes, on the basis of their needs for the ensuing year:

FOR GENERAL CHRISTIAN WORK, IN WHICH ALL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES UNITE:

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| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, including missions to nominally Christian countries, ($100,000) | $600,000 |
| Home Missionary Society | 500,000 |
| American Missionary Association | 500,000 |
| Congregational Union (Church Erection) | 250,000 |
| Ministerial Education | 100,000 |
| Congregational Publishing Society | 50,000 |
| | $2,000,000 |

On certain Sabbaths, however, the contributions will not be so appropriated, but will be devoted to the following

LOCAL OBJECTS.

TO THE POOR—The offering at Communion in. . . . . .

TO THE SABBATH SCHOOL—The offering of. . . . . .

TO CARLETON COLLEGE— . . . . . .

TO THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

[*The above spaces to be filled in with such dates as the individual Churches may determine for these special offerings; and such other local objects to be added as the Churches may desire.*]

After deducting the twelve Sabbaths set apart for local objects as above, there will remain forty Sabbaths on which offerings will be made for the general work of the Church, and apportioned as above stated; it being always remembered (and special attention is called to this feature) that any contribution may be appropriated to *any* special object by attaching to it a slip of paper indicating the wish of the giver; and it is hoped that the utmost freedom will be exercised in this respect. No personal solicitation is to be used; and every one is free to give *as much or as little as he feels able;* only the Lord and the giver will know how much it is.

The following table will illustrate the working of the plan. By examining it any one can see how to adjust his weekly gifts, in order to make, in the aggregate, any given annual sum: and also how that annual sum will be apportioned, if not specially designated.

| Weekly Contributions for 40 Sabbaths. | Annual Aggregate. | Foreign Miss'ns | Home Missions. | American Miss. Association. | Congregational Union. | Ministerial Education. | Publishing Society. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PROPORTIONS. | | 60/200 | 50/200 | 50/200 | 20/200 | 10/200 | 5/200 |
| $ 0 10 | $ 4 00 | $ 1 20 | $ 1 00 | $ 1 00 | $ 0 40 | $ 0 20 | $ 0 10 |
| 20 | 8 00 | 2 40 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 40 | 20 |
| 25 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 | 50 | 25 |
| 50 | 20 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | 50 |
| 1 00 | 40 00 | 12 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| 1 50 | 60 00 | 18 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 7 50 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| 2 00 | 80 00 | 24 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 50 | 100 00 | 30 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 12 50 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| 5 00 | 200 00 | 60 00 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| 10 00 | 400 00 | 120 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 50 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 |

The plan finds its method in the apostolic injunction, that upon the first day of the week every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Its success will depend wholly upon the spirit and thoroughness with which it is carried out. In the belief that the Churches will enter upon it with spirit and support it with regularity, and that the results will surprise all, it is recommended.

The Deacons are the proper committee to receive the collections and apportion them among the different objects.

By recommendation of the Conference.

H. A. STIMSON,
EDWARD BROWN,
THEODORE FURBER,
} *Committee of Conference.*

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1, 1872.

[*Churches desiring copies of this plan for distribution among their members, can be supplied at the small price of fifty cents per hundred, and have their local objects printed in without extra charge, by addressing* REV. H. A. STIMSON, *Minneapolis, Minn.*]

# APPENDIX H.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

A review of the last academic year suggests many reasons for gratitude to God for the prosperity which has attended Carleton College. Gratifying proofs of the Divine favor have been constantly afforded. Attention is called briefly to several different points:

The College has been steadily extending its reputation for thorough scholarship and Christian character, and increasing the number of its friends. This is indicated by the fact that the attendance of students last year was over 30 per cent. greater than ever before. The whole number in the different departments was 216; of whom about one-third were ladies. These came from seven different States and one foreign country. Of Minnesota, twenty-nine counties were represented. Additional teachers and enlarged dormitory accommodations were found necessary. Earnestness in study and enthusiasm for true college culture have steadily increased. The number of those in the regular college course is small, as yet—only eighteen; but this will not seem strange if we consider how few, comparatively, in a new State like this, appreciate a liberal education—how many difficulties hinder those who do, and to such, how great are the attractions of older institutions at the East. Last year there were in the college course 13, in the Preparatory Department 82, in the English Department 126. There were studying French, 9, German, 26, Instrumental Music, 33, Greek, 36, Latin, 106. Nearly a score are looking forward to the ministry, and two-thirds of the whole number profess a christian experience. For more than three years, a daily noon prayer meeting has been sustained.

The need of additional endowment seemed so imperative, that under instructions from the Board of Trustees, I spent the winter at the East, in behalf of the College. Though made under most discouraging circumstances, owing to the general financial depression, this canvass has added over twelve thousand dollars to our cash receipts, and over three thousand dollars in pledges to be redeemed within the next few months. At the same time a special effort was made at home, and in addition to all previous gifts, which have been large, the people of Northfield have generously pledged over *seven thousand dollars* toward the endowment of the chair of Physical Science, but on condition that thirteen thousand dollars more shall be pledged in Minnesota, before the first of next January. Surely the friends of Christian education in our State ought to see to it that those pledges re not lost to the College. It is to be feared that the importance of this educa-

tional enterprise is not appreciated fully by the churches of our Conference. This is indicated by the fact that notwithstanding the action of the last Conference, cordially recommending a collection in each of our churches on the Sabbath following the "Day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges," our treasury has received almost nothing from the State, except in payment of old pledges, and most of these pledges have been neglected. Considerably more than a year ago, the committee appointed by this body circulated widely among the friends of christian education in our State, a carefully prepared circular, appealing for an endowment of this chair of Physical Science, and urging that "the prosperity of the college demands it, the pecuniary interests of the State demand it, and the cause of Christ demands it;" but in response only a very small amount was received.

A Professor of Science has been engaged, and through the generosity of one friend at the East, special provision has been made for the payment of his salary for the current year. It seems specially necessary that this endowment be secured at once, to prevent embarrassment in the near future. The personal and active interest of the brethren in this is earnestly desired.

Several valuable gifts have been received during the year, and among them have been additions to our geological cabinet by Rev. W. S. Alexander, recent Missionary of the American Board in Italy, Rev. A. D. Roe, of Afton, Minn., and Mrs. Chas. Shedd, of Waseca, Minn.; and additions to our library, by Rev. Dr. L. Whiting, of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Aiken, of Owatonna, Rev. D. Burt, State Sup't of Instruction, and several friends in New England. Some of the volumes donated are quite rare and valuable. It is hoped that such gifts will be multiplied. A beginning of a Museum of Natural History has been made, Rev. S. F. Drew, formerly of Albert Lea, having donated about fifty specimens (mostly birds) of our Minnesota fauna. Since the opening of the present college year, our Professor of Mathematics has purchased nearly one thousand dollars worth of apparatus, the free use of which the college is to enjoy.

Several hundred dollars have been received during the year, mainly from friends in New England, to aid worthy indigent students, preference being given to the sons and daughters of Home Missionaries. This money has been made very useful, as well as that limited to candidates for the ministry, and it is hoped that such gifts will be continued.

During the whole year, the general tone of college life has been very gratifying. The standard of scholarship has been raised rather than lowered, and the courses of study compare favorably with those of similar institutions in the older States. Such a religious movement as characterized the preceding year cannot be reported, but there has been some special interest and a marked spiritual life. Daily and weekly prayer meetings have been well sustained. A high regard for good morals and correct deportment has characterized the students generally. For its moral and religious character, as well as for its scholarly aim, we feel that the College deserves the cordial approval and earnest support of all our churches. They cannot afford ever to become indifferent to its success.

JAS. W. STRONG.

# APPENDIX I.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.

*To the General Congregational Conference:*

Your committee were greatly pleased with what we heard and saw in the discharge of our duties as visitors at the college examinations. So far as we can judge, the teaching is thorough, and the students are making commendable progress.

The instructors are evidently godly and earnest men and women who have the highest interests of the College at heart. We were especially pleased with the christian atmosphere which pervades the school. We believe that the hopes and expectations of our churches in founding the institution are being, in a large measure, realized. Considering all the obstacles it has encountered, and the brief period it has been before the public, the committee have nothing but congratulations to offer to its President, Professors and patrons, and we heartily recommend the College to all parents who are seeking for their children a thorough culture under christian influences.

We see, to be sure, some defects, some things that are still crude and imperfect, but feeling assured that the President and teachers are fully alive to these wants, we expect that time and large endowments will remedy them. We take occasion to earnestly urge the early permanent endowment of the Chair of Natural Sciences. We observe with pleasure the valuable collections in mineralogy and ornithology that are already made—the latter a gift to the college from one of our ministerial brethren, Rev. S. F. Drew. We recommend to our friends to preserve any curious or valuable specimen of natural formation that may come under their notice, and, if possible, procure it and ship it to the College as a gift. In this way valuable cabinets are started.

In conclusion, we have to say, that while we are pleased with the progress of the college thus far, we recognize the fact that it is only a *beginning*, and that its power and usefulness depend upon the blessings of Almighty God, upon the wise and liberal management of its trustees, and also upon the continued support, patronage, and beneficence of our churches.

C. M. TERRY,
W. W. SNELL,
O. C. DICKENSON,
MASON H. CRITTENDEN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 15, 1875.

## APPENDIX J.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF THE CHAIR OF NATURAL SCIENCES, CARLETON COLLEGE.

Since the last Conference there has been pledged to this endowment about $7,000. These pledges have been made by the citizens of Northfield. No pledges have been secured in other parts of the State.

The Chair of Natural Sciences has been provided for, and temporarily supplied by Prof. L. B. Sperry, lately of Ripon, who has been secured for one year.

The committee are profoundly impressed with the necessity of pushing this matter at once. We believe that the amount can be raised within the next year to Jan. 1, 1877, and that some *one man* be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the College, or by the Conference, or both, to canvass the State for this endowment.

# APPENDIX K.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES FROM PRESBYTERIES.

Overtures having been made to the Congregational General Conference of Minnesota from the Presbyteries of St. Paul, Mankato and Winona, in regard to the uniting of churches in several of the smaller fields of the State, where both Congregational and Presbyterian Churches are now existing, and these overtures having been referred to this Society, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily reciprocate the fraternal spirit in which these overtures are made, and in response to them we appoint Rev. L. H. Cobb, Rev. E. M. Williams and Mr. J. E. Bell, a committee to confer with the committee of the Presbyteries on this subject, instructing them to use every means in their power to promote harmony among christians, and economy in the expenditure of benevolent funds for the fields in question.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the churches upon these and all similar fields, that, laying aside all prejudice, and holding in due subjection all sectarian preferences, they make earnest effort to secure such a union of the churches in their fields as will concentrate and economize christian effort, and tend to the true unity of spirit in the bond of peace.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully ask our generous friends of the East, including the officers of the American Home Missionary Society, and of the American Congregational Union, to assist us in this endeavor to promote union and harmony by their counsel, and, if need be, by pecuniary aid.

L. W. CHANEY.
E. M. WILLIAMS.
A. J. PIKE.

# APPENDIX L.

## REPORT OF SUPT. OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Since the last annual meeting, I have traveled 12,133 miles; sent out 1,930 letters and postals; preached 105 sermons; assisted in organizing three churches: one of twenty-seven members, at Elk River, February 7, 1875; one of twenty-four members, at Two Rivers, Morrison county, May 2, 1875; and one of eleven members, at Winnebago Agency, Blue Earth County, June 6, 1875; also in ordaining five men to the work of the ministry: Bro. Gilbert Bindell, Jr., Oct. 29, 1874, at St. Charles; Brethren D. W. Rosenkrans, and T. C. Kinne, June 28, 1875, at Minneapolis, for work in Morrison county; Brethren Wallace Bruce and David D. Jones, Sept. 30, 1875, at Mankato, for work in Blue Earth and Nicollet counties; have assisted at two installations, that of Rev. C. E. Wright, at Austin, June 2, 1875, and that of Rev. H. C. Simmons, at Marshall, Sept. 24, ult.

Have assisted in the formation of one Ministerial Association at Marshfield, Sept. 22, ult., to be known as the "Marshall Association," and in the examination for approbation to preach the gospel, of one man, Bro. L. H. Moses, of Walnut Station, Sept. 23d, ult.; have assisted at the dedication of three Missionary houses of worship; one at Walnut Station, Dec. 20, 1874; one at Rose Creek, May 9, 1875, and one at Granite Falls, June 10, 1875. Five other Missionary Churches have houses of worship completed, or in process of erection, to wit: at Albert Lea, Little Falls, Shetek Station, Alexandria, and the Second Congregational, Minneapolis, not to speak of the beautiful house in which we are assembled, which belongs to a church that never was missionary except in the sense that it holds firmly and warmly in its hands and heart the missionary commission: to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Four of these last named houses of worship will be dedicated soon. The other, the Second Congregational of this city, remains nearly as it was at the time of our last meeting.

Houses of worship have been repaired, or enlarged, at Glencoe, at a cost of $230; Medford, $75; Park, $75; Spring Valley, $200; Austin, $275, all by the ladies; Owatonna, 750; Duluth, $400; Marshall, $100; Rushford, $35.

A neat, commodious parsonage has been completed at Wabasha; a house designed for parsonage at Medford; and extensive repairs have been made on the minister's homes in Hamilton and Marine Mills. Most of the missionaries, like Paul, live in their own hired houses.

Besides the churches named as organized under my direct supervision, one of seventeen members was organized at Wadena, Oct. 29, 1874; one of seven members at Wahbeton, D. T., Nov. 29, 1874; one of eleven members at Blaenavon, Jan. 21, 1875; one of seven members at Shetek Station, April 4, 1875; and one of ten members at Marshfield, May 16, 1875; in all, eight new churches since our last Conference, including one in Dakota Territory, on Bro. Webber's field.

Per contra, the church in Smithfield, having largely sold their houses to the Germans, was disbanded Nov. 21, 1874, the members voting themselves letters to Bro. Willard's church at Plainview. This case was not wholly unlike the condition of things in a Congregational Church near it in the town of Beaver, which, though dropped from our list, has never been disbanded. Its record would read very much like a certain church East; which had but one member, and he was dead, and lived four miles away in the country.

Changes among the men and places may be best indicated by a summary review of the entire list of missionary fields.

AFTON has now for eleven months enjoyed the faithful and successful labors of Bro. Nelson Clark, from Massachusetts. Reports from the field indicate energy in work, and a growing interest among the people.

ALBERT LEA, a name often spoken during the last twelve or fifteen years with grit, grace, or gravity, as occasion seemed to demand, has at last come up out of great tribulation, into a neat, tasty house of worship, which is now completed, paid for and deeded entire to the American Congregational Union, no more to be bought, sold, or mortgaged, but held as a perpetual memorial of Congregational patience, perseverance, and good fellowship; to be held also as a pivotal point on which to turn East, West, North and South, in Freeborn and adjoining counties, for conquest in the name of Christ and Congregationalism.

Bro. Drew closed his labors on this field May 1, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Preston. With little delay, Bro. E. H. Alden was unanimously called, and has been prevailed upon to relinquish field work, for which he is so eminently fitted, and take up his abode and work at Albert Lea. If any church in the commonwealth has reason for gratitude to God and to sister churches, and personal friends, east and west, this church has. From the Congregational Churches and personal friends in this State, she has received about $1,500 cash; from personal friends east, $500; from the Congregational Union $1,000; raising the balance of $4,600 at Albert Lea. At the door of no church in the State does there lie a more imperative demand for thorough devotion to work for God, which shall result in spiritual and numerical growth that shall justify this large outlay of benevolent funds. We trust the demand will be promptly and prayerfully met.

ALEXANDRIA, under the successful labors of Bro. Norton, has grown to the necessity of erecting a new and more commodious house of worship, which it now has near completion, at a cost of about $2,000, nearly every dime of which has been subscribed by the pastor and people. This, in our judgment, is the model method for towns able to build churches at all: build such as they can pay for, and wait for elegance till God gives the means. Nevertheless, it would

not be a misapplication of the principal of Christian Church Fellowship, should we, here and now, give that little church a clear-ringing Congregational bell. In the building of this church, the pastor has shown himself as competent to handle the saw, chisel and hammer, as the pen of a ready writer. Small parishes about to build, will do well to look over Bro. Norton's plan.

AUDUBON, DETROIT, and CHAMBERLAIN, having for several months been without regular preaching, after Bro. Gates left, called Bro. Prescott Fay, of this city, and he began work Dec. 1, 1874. Good congregations, well attended Sabbath schools, and several additions to the churches, indicate energy and interest on the part of minister and members.

BELGRADE, BUTTERNUT VALLEY AND PROVIDENCE, until April 1, enjoyed the faithful, and very acceptable labors, of Bro. Peregrine. May 1, Bro. Peregrine having removed to another field, Bro. David D. Jones, from the Chicago Theological Seminary, took the field. Reports give promise of successful labor.

BELLE PRAIRIE AND LITTLE FALLS, having for four years been faithfully served by Bro. Cutler, were left vacant Oct. 1. For want of any public place of worship, the old schoolhouse having been sold to the Catholic Priest, and the new schoolhouse and courthouse, having both been closed by Catholic influence, for all religious purposes, no services were held during the later autumn, and winter. In April, Bro. D. W. Rosenkrans, from Missouri, took charge of the work and is now prosecuting it with vigor and success. The new house of worship at Little Falls is near completion and will be dedicated soon.

BLAENAVON (Welsh) and SHETEK STATION are new fields. May 1, these two churches secured the services of Bro. Peregrine from the Butternut Valley field; with great self denial he is now carrying on the work.

BRECKENRIDGE, MCCAULAYVILLE, FORT ABERCROMBIE, WILD RICE and WAHBETON have now been under cultivation about fifteen months. No missionary has been more patient and persistent amid great hardships and discouragements than has Bro. Webber. He has organized a church of seven members at Wahbeton, D. T., and hopes for enlarged success at other points. At Breckenridge, where he lives, there was not, at the time of my visit, in June, a single professing Christian of any denomination, besides himself and wife. The field surely needs the gospel.

BRAINERD, having been most efficiently served by Bro. E. S. Williams for two years, April 1st, reluctantly allowed Minneapolis to gain what they lost by Bro. Williams' removal to this city, at the earnest call of the Second Congregational Church. Brainerd needs at once a pastor.

BROWNSDALE, (called in last year's minutes Mower City,) and LANSING, cling so tenaciously to Pastor Tobey, that outside parishes labor in vain to call him away. At Brownsdale the chapel is becoming so small as already to have set the people thinking of a church. Lansing joined in the vote of Brownsdale at the opening of the year, and made Bro. Tobey joint pastor of the two parishes.

CANNON CITY and EAST PRAIRIEVILLE, having been variously supplied for some months,—Prairieville very acceptably, during the winter, by Bro. Gardner,

of Faribault,—has now for three months enjoyed the services of Bro. A. R. Mitchell, from Iowa. He is reaching south to Merton.

CANNON FALLS and DOUGLAS having respectively been under the pastoral care of Father Merrill, seven and five years, a few weeks before our last Conference, Sept. 1st, 1874, called Bro. C. A. Buddock from N. Y. True to the traditional history of their brother's work, the Lord has never allowed him to serve Him on but one field, any length of time, without a more or less powerful revival. The churches on this field were in a state of fearful spiritual coldness. On my first visit, Jan. 9th, the cloud of mercy was first rising. The second visit, Feb. 23d, presented the blessed sight of a united and thoroughly roused Church, fifty souls converted, and the place apparently revolutionized. The Church at Cannon Falls has more than doubled its membership; that at Douglas has added several. Our brother preaches to save souls.

CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER, (formerly Wasioja,) having for six months, from Sept. 1st, 1874, enjoyed the labor of Bro. Loring, from Oberlin, Ohio, reluctantly yielded him to the tender call from Waseca. The work of those six months was of no ordinary character, especially at Dodge Center. Claremont is a community of stable Christian people, well organized for work. At Dodge Center the work was wholly new, gaining first the cordial assent of Bro. Ward, of Kasson, Chairman of Committee of Winona Presbytery, to work on that field, which, for months, had not been occupied by Presbyterians. Bro. Loring drew a large and intelligent congregation; secured, Dec. 1st, the removal of the Wasioja Church to Dodge Center, with change of name to correspond, and added, at least, one-third to the numerical and spiritual strength of the Church. He left March 1st, bearing with him the cordial good will of his people, and the respect of all. After some delay, these Churches have secured the services of Bro. F. McCraken, from Dr. Talmage's Lay College, Brooklyn. If, as we hope, Bro. McCraken brings the effective working qualities of his instructor, we shall soon hear of the Dodge Center Tabernacle, crowded with multitudes listening to hear the words of eternal life.

CLEARWATER still enjoys, as for years past, the devoted and scholarly labors of Bro. Stearns. Evangelists Bro. and Mrs. Mansfield were at Clearwater in the winter. Their work, and that of the stated means of grace, have made it a prosperous year on that field.

COLLINS has Bro. Kellogg, now on his fifth year. This is one of the few fields I have not found time to visit, and, having had no regular reports from the Missionary, I cannot speak as fully and intelligently as I would like, of the good work done.

DULUTH, after struggling through years of discouragement, caused by immigration, yields to the inevitable necessity, and comes back to the fostering mother of us all, and asks Missionary aid to retain the services of one whose loss it is felt they cannot sustain. At a personal sacrifice, Bro. Salter shares the burdens with his people.

ELK RIVER, for some years held as a union point, organized on a union basis, Feb. 27th, with twenty-seven members. Bro. J. G. Spencer, from Iowa, has

ed five months, since which they have been supplied by Bro. Beard, of this and Bro. Staples, a former pastor, and others. We hope the man is now nt who is to be their pastor.

IRMOUNT, SILVER LAKE and HORICON, after waiting some months for the man, are now satisfied that their waiting is compensated in the coming of E. N. Raymond, from Halford, N. Y. Bro. Raymond began labor April Fruits will appear, we trust, in due time.

RGUS FALLS, and, I might say, Otter Tail county, a territory larger than the of Delaware, is still, so far as our work is concerned, under the sole care of Hood. Nevertheless, this is one of the best and best worked fields in the . The call for another man, (I ought to say two more,) in that county is at, and must be heeded.

EBORN and HARTLAND, last year a part of Bro. Drew's field, have called William Fiske, from following the oxen in Kansas, as the Lord called a from Abel-Meholah, in the valley of Jordan. Bro. Fiske began work 1. Commissioned for these two points, he has worked up a third, at Berlin, sees two more that call loudly for occupancy. When he who sits over st the treasury sees his rich and poor children doing all their duty, we shall gladly listen to the call. Reports of Bro. Fiske's work incline us to look d oxen and horses for more of God's Elishas to come and help plough nbroken spiritual prairies.

ENCOE and HUTCHINSON have had an experienced and successful worker in erson of Rev. A. Graves, whom they called from Iowa, one year ago the 1st, A journey of 15 miles to the outlying field at Hutchinson, on the Sabbath, yond New Testament measurement, but several of our brethren keep the h commandment by doing that, or more, every Lord's Day.

ENWOOD and vicinity, for eight years under the care of Father Lathrop, is y run out. Emigration and death have made the further occupation of that problematical.

YNDON, MUSKODA, and vicinity, still greatly enjoy the scholarly labors of Rogers. His parish is rather large, extending 65 miles north to Crookstone. idering the sparse population at the points occupied, the year's work has all that could be reasonably demanded.

AND MEADOW and DEXTER, on the Southern Minn. R. R., worked up in by Bro. Armstrong, while at Hamilton, and further by Bro. J. B. Ladd, has he vacation work of Bro. Stone, an Andover Seminary Student. If we can e a good man at once, as I hope we have, a promising field will be opened probably a church organization effected.

ANITE FALLS rejoices in its new house of worship and in signs of spiritual hing, by which a few have already been brought to the Saviour, under the ful ministry of Bro. Todd.

ANVILLE appears to have dissolved mainly into Methodism. Formerly, it d have been difficult for Methodism to take so large a dose of Calvinism at . Latterly, it is getting to be difficult to tell whether there is more Calvin-

ism in Methodist Churches or Methodism in Calvinistic churches. Men are thinking so much more of Christ than any *ism* that it requires a very accurate theodolite, now, to run denominational lines, in some places. In other places it is hard to run any but denominational lines.

GUILDFORD, a small neighborhood church, six miles west of Austin, has worshiped partly with Bro. Wright's congregation, and partly with Presbyterians in the vicinity. The field is at present too small to be made a regular station.

HAMILTON, for 3 months of the year, was under the pastoral care of Bro. D. G. Bliss of Massachusetts. April 1, Bro. F. L. Fuller, of Hamilton, took charge, and writes cheerfully of the success attending his labor.

HANCOCK and MORRIS still unite in the work of the Lord under Bro. Fonda. Congregations and Sabbath Schools are small, because the people are not there to make them large. Like all genuine western towns, they confidently expect to grow.

LAC QUI PARLE and MONTEVIDEO, especially Lac Qui Parle, still require all the faith and patience of Bro. Starr, successfully to carry on the Lord's work there. The field is thoroughly frontier. Congregations must be small till the country is better settled. Neat schoolhouses are the only houses of worship, and must be for the present. The missionary and his devoted wife are toiling with patient fidelity, looking for fruit.

LAKELAND, for a part of the year, has been supplied by Bro. Roe, of Afton. Finding his own work of Supt. of Schools in Washington county all he can do, he relinquishes his claim on the church, and Bro. Clark adds it to his field.

SENORA, on the Iowa border, in Fillmore county, united last year on Bro. Lamb; this year on Bro. James Mitchell, from Wisconsin. Deep affliction has fallen on the missionary in the death of his wife and the severe illness of a daughter. He has, nevertheless, prosecuted his work with fidelity and success.

MANKATO, by the blessing of God and the labors of Bro. Chaney, aided by other pastors and brethren in the place, and Bro. Welton, from Hastings, has enjoyed one of the most precious and powerful revivals the State has ever witnessed. More than 200 souls were hopefully converted. Healthier growth, greater fidelity to duty and men's souls, warmer attachment between pastor and people, can hardly be found among our churches.

MANTORVILLE, having seen the last resident minister of any denomination depart from the community, were urgently advised to join in inviting Bro. Ward, of Kasson, (Pres.,) to supply them, thus releasing our Home Missionary Society and the Presbyterian Board of Missions from further expenditure at that point. Convinced that a resident pastor was essential to any success, the Church called, and have secured the services of Bro. Wm. Gill, of Wisconsin. He began work May 25th. We venture to predict a nearly or quite self-supporting Church at that point, in three years, if no adverse current turns the tide.

MARINE MILLS, one of our oldest Churches, still holds on its way hopefully. A man of means in the parish has given the Church a parsonage, and the ladies of the society have put it in excellent repair, much to the comfort of the family of Pastor Weld, who is now on his fifth year of successful labor on that field.

MARSHALL, one of our most stirring frontier towns, passing from the pastoral care of Bro. Spalding, Sept. 1st, a year ago, called, and on the 24th ult. installed Bro. H. C. Simmons, of Wisconsin. By the blessing of God on his earnest labors, and in spite of divisive outside influences, the spiritual harvest-work of the year has more than doubled the membership of the Church. This is the first missionary *pastor* west of Mankato! Brethren of the Missionary Churches, if you work for permanency and lasting blessing, will you not "go and do likewise?" There are only four installed missionary pastors in the State!

MARSHFIELD is a new field, the westernmost in that part of the State. It was opened by Bro. W. A. Stallcop, who believed he was called of God to leave farm life and enter the work of preaching the Gospel. It was a hard field. Only a handful of people, and they almost literally devoured by locusts, with no place of worship, there was little to encourage. May 16th, Bro. Simmons organized a Church of ten members there. Another point was opened ten miles distant at Lake Benton, and work was prosecuted as the ability of Bro. Stallcop would allow, till, Aug. 16th, ult., the Master called his faithful servant to come up higher. Bro. Stallcop was not a great man, as the world measures greatness. But not a man has been found in Lincoln or Martin County, where he has lived, who did not regard him a sincere christian.

MAZEPPA, last year, under missionary care, called on Bro. Barteau, of Zumbrota, to supply them for what they could add to his salary. Zumbrota generously assented; Bro. Barteau accepted the call, thus releasing the A. H. M. S. from further care of the Church, and greatly adding to his own influence and usefulness. We wish some other brethren, and large Churches, would study this case.

MEDFORD. Bro. S. W. Powell, of Wisconsin, occupied this field till July 26. Early in August, Bro. J. N. Powell, of Wisconsin, (from which, as this report shows, we have drawn freely for supplies,) came to fill the vacancy, and has accepted a call to remain. A series of meetings was held several weeks in the winter, but with smaller results than were confidently expected.

MINNEAPOLIS SECOND CONGREGATIONAL, about the close of Bro. Bumstead's second year, January 1, accepted the resignation of the pastor, who has since been called to the professorship of Natural Science, in the University at Atlanta, Georgia. Bro. E. S. Williams, at the earnest call of the Church, came from Brainerd, and began work May 10th. Everything looks promising.

PILGRIM CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, still holds Bro. Hampton in high esteem who has accomplished all his health would allow. The church never seemed more earnest for work than now.

MONTICELLO, for six years under the faithful watch and care of Bro. Smith, July 1, yielded to his urgent request to be released from his official obligation. The step was necessitated by the death of Mrs. Smith, and the consequent breaking up of the pastor's home. He leaves many warm friends among his people and his ministerial brethren. The town is somewhat overstocked with churches, and the brethren seem disheartened.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, our only foothold in Cottonwood county, called Bro. George Johnson, May 15. He has labored about six months. Early in the season the locusts came and nearly destroyed the crops. Later, from 400 to 500 Mennonites came, and have now possession of a large share of what was left by locusts. Very few of our families remain. We are, however, by no means certain that there is not a work for us still, on that field. Even Mennonites need the gospel.

OWATONNA, a little more than a year since, called a western man from the east, in the person of Bro. O. C. Dickerson. They set their storm-racked house and themselves in order, and went about the Lord's work. Results—christians revived, souls converted, the house of the Lord filled, and now they call Bro. Dickerson as pastor, at a salary of $1,200, and assume self support. I am looking eastward for more such western men.

PARK and HAWLEY, on the N. P. R. R., still know and love their own Kribs, who, as a frontiersman, can harness his missionary horse with strips of consecrated boot legs and clothes line; build his own pung; erect his own house of worship with his own hands; and so, withal, preach Christ to his people as to add one-half to his church membership during the year. No man is morewilling to endure hardiness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We are glad this brother, who once had to make long journeys on foot, now rides his own horse on a saddle that once belonged to a dear brother in this (Plymouth) Church, who now rides on the wings of the morning in the world of light; or, if he chooses, with a Minneapolis harness, freely given by ladies of this church, can hitch to a new buggy, the gift of a rich christian lady in Illinois. Such investments are better than four per cent. a month.

PAYNESVILLE, having suspended service for a year to pay off a debt, is now looking for a pastor. Contiguous points of interest demand immediate occupancy.

PRINCETON has had a somewhat rough sea during most of the year, but now awaits the coming of a successor to Bro. Ollerenshaw, who closed his work Oct. 5, inst. It is one of our most important fields, having an amount of outlying work sufficient to employ two men. We hope the Lord's treasury will soon allow us to set them to work.

QUINCY and ST. CHARLES have been in care of Bro. Gilbert Rindell, from Chicago Theological Seminary. This is his first year in the ministry. A fair measure of success has attended his labor. Bro. A. J. Drake, of Illinois, is called to the vacancy.

SARATOGA has been urged to join in the call, and secure a share in the services.

ROSE CREEK and NEVADA still give Bro. Morse an opportunity to bring forth fruit in old age. This he is doing. The neat chapel at Rose Creek is the eighth house of worship he has helped to build in his ministry.

RUSHFORD and Bro. Snell have been one and inseparable, now, *twenty-one years!* That in Minnesota! Hear! Hear! The question lies between Bro. Snell, Bro. Sheldon, of Excelsior, and Bro. Hall, of Sauk Rapids, which is to have a parish silver wedding. A more devout, judicious twenty-one consecutive years' work, it would be hard to find. South Rushford, (Pres.) is also under Bro. Snell's charge.

SAUK CENTER is now on its eighth year with Bro. Pike. My visit of August brought before me, as a regular Sabbath congregation, one of the largest and most attentive country audiences of the State. A man's audience is a good index of his work, when he has had them long enough to make them his.

SAUK RAPIDS, the only post we held in Benton county, has for twenty years been under the care of Father Sherman Hall. Though sorely tried by the burning of his home, and nearly all that was in it, he has rebuilt that, and continued his work with cheerful and self-denying devotion. At present, and since last January, he has done his ministerial work without missionary aid. Tokens of good have crowned the last year's work.

SLEEPY EYE, our only church in Brown county, has trebled its membership during the year, and has now a leading place and influence in the community. Its outstations demand the labor of two men. Bro. Champlin is as omnipresent as his unipersonality will allow.

SPRING VALLEY closed its house for repairs in the early winter, before the close of Bro. Fuller's year. June 15, on a unanimous and very hearty call from the people, Bro. C. W. Merrill, of St. Charles, Ill, began work. Already he is in serious trouble! Only about three-fourths of those who wish to hear him on the Sabbath, can find seats in his church. The parish are considering the question of enlargement.

ST. CLOUD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, about a year since, united with the Presbyterian Church in calling Bro. George R. Milton, a licentiate of the Detroit, (Mich.) Presbytery. For awhile, all was harmonious. About the middle of June, the Presbyterians withdrew. Our church redeemed its pledges to Bro. Milton, and has pledged $800 toward his support for another year, thus assuming self-support. The union was an example worthy of imitation; the separation shows the need of more grace. Eight have been added to the church, a larger number than has been added since the day of its organization, Feb. 2, 1864.

STERLING has been faithfully, and in the main, or altogether, gratuitously served the last year by Bro. Hunt. This for two reasons: the people felt too poor to support a minister, and Bro. Hunt loved to preach too well to see the House of God closed. A brother is now on the ground as a candidate for permanent work.

TWO RIVERS, in Morrison county, May 2, organized a church of 24 members, including Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, adopting as their creed that of the Boston Council of 1865; May, '66, following, Bro. T. C. Krime of Missouri, began work there and is now installed pastor. He has nearly as many points on his field as the New England fathers formerly had in their sermons, though by no means so close together. His work opens well.

WABASHA has had, till recently, the very successful work of Bro. Wicks. The health of his family has compelled him to leave. Plans for filling the vacancy are in progress.

WADENA, organized Oct. 29, 1874, enjoyed the labors of Bro. Kerr, till June 1, when he was called to another field in Iowa. The church is looking for a pastor.

WALNUT STATION Church, but little more than a year old, dedicated its neat and substantial house of worship Dec. 20. Meetings holden at that time and immediately after resulted in several conversions. Bro. Alden closed his work there in April. Bro. L. H. Moses has done good service in filling the vacancy since. A pastor is designated and expected Nov. 1.

WASECA, having passed through one of the most powerful revivals as yet known in our State, under the care of Bro. E. C. Starr, assisted by Bro. Chaney, Father Sheed and others, recognizing Bro. Starr's necessity for rest, on account of diseased eyes, accepted his resignation, and called Bro. Loring, of Dodge Center, who has now most successfully prosecuted his work there since March 6. Our statistics show how the Lord of the harvest has blest both sowers and reapers on that field.

WINNEBAGO AGENCY, some twelve miles from Mankato, is a new field, worked up mainly by Bro. Wallace Bruce, whom the Master and the people of the place called to labor there March 1. June 6, a church of eleven members was formed, and the missionary, as well as the brethren of the church, report encouragingly.

WORTHINGTON, having been some time destitute, Dec. 1, called Bro. H. B. Tuttle, of Wis. With zeal and earnestness, he entered at once upon his work, calling in aid as needed, till twenty-eight souls were received to the church by profession of faith, and three by letter. Everything looks promising.

Such is a very meagre outline of the field under my care. The fidelity and ready co-operation of the brethren in all departments of work; the counsel and aid of Superintendents in other States and of the Secretaries at New York; words of cheer and help in money from self-supporting churches here and friends east; but more than all, the presence and power of the Spirit of God, which has been more or less visibly manifest in twenty-eight of the missionary churches, has made the last part of the year one of great joy. At the close of the first six months of labor, a sense of the urgent need of the Spirit, even for pecuniary relief, seemed the only hope. At many points, the one absorbing thought seemed to be, "how shall we *raise money* to build our church, buy our organ, replenish our library, pay our pastor?" The one grand end and aim of all church work was crowded aside. It was a day of joy when reports began to come from the brethren that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. Bro. Hall's report will show more than 300 additions to the missionary churches, on profession of faith, and more than 200 by letter, this year; about 600 additions, all told. In such a state of things, it is easy to preach, easy to write sermons, or, better, speak out of the heart without writing; easy to raise money. It is a matter of regret to me that I have not been able to see, with my own eyes, every field in the State, before Conference came. My only excuse is 12,133 miles of travel, plus the other work that must be done. More than any man can possibly do is demanded daily. Still, the work is a joy, and delightful, with very little to vex—too little to mention.

Till help comes, the brethren must watch closely for souls on all the field, and, for the Master's sake, supplement what I can do. I have specially to thank a

large proportion of the missionaries for prompt and full quarterly reports. Nothing is more essential to me than this. To a few of the dear brethren, the tenth article in our Home Missionary Constitution is, practically, a dead letter. To serve the cause best, I need to know just how it prospers.

As near as I am able to compute receipts and expenditures on the field, they are as follows: The missionary churches have pledged, and, with few exceptions, paid to their pastors, $18,386.50. They have been aided by the A. H. M. S. to the amount of $23,267.50. Total expended by and among the missionary churches, $41,654. Over and above what they have paid their own missionaries, they have contributed $1,313.30, which is $453.17 less than last year. As this is the A. H. M. S. jubilee year, we hope this sum will be at least doubled in our next annual report.

L. H. COBB.

# APPENDIX M.

## THE RELIGION OF NEW ENGLAND ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

A CENTENNIAL ESSAY READ BEFORE CONFERENCE BY REV. C. C. SALTER.

Lacking the historical data which the subject demands, I am compelled to widen the theme into "The Religion of New England in its earlier days." Nor will such latitude take us far from the topic assigned, for while, as in all living forces, there was undoubted progress in the religious life of New England, such progress was in the line of natural development. From the root you may determine the branches. From the corner stone you may construct the edifice.

By the religion of a people, we mean the conception they have of God and truth—their recognition of a divine government. Its throne is in the heart; its manifestation in the life.

I. The religion of New England may be characterized as one that was based upon a positive and a progressive faith. It was what De Quincey terms a religion of the book, as contrasted with a mere Cultus, or form of worship.

It was, indeed, a stout denier (a necessity of the times), and in this, somewhat akin to the Scottish Church, which, (says Stanley), is the only church that produced, by name, a "negative confession of faith," containing only the doctrines which were not to be believed.

He blindly reads, however, who sees, in the religion of the Puritans, only a negation of Romish, or semi-Romish dogmas. With like partial interpretation, Froude says of the early martyrs, "they died for a negation. The last confession before the prætor was not, 'we do believe,' but 'we do not believe.'"

Unfriendly criticism, by magnifying the *differentia* of the New England faith, failed to note the comprehensiveness and tenacity with which it held to the truth. The lack of this perception led a Cameronian of the middle of the last century to denounce Independency as a heresy and blasphemy, to be classed with Arianism, Skepticism, Lutheranism, Whitefieldianism and Latitudinarianism.

It is worthy of remark, however, that from the first the religion of New England placed no slavish reliance upon the human mould in which doctrinal belief had been cast. While the Westminster Confession was reaffirmed in the Cambridge and Saybrook Symbols, yet these New England Symbols were framed rather to denote substantial agreement with the faith of the Reformation than as a cramp to fetter the individual right of search. Moreover, we are told that if Plymouth had

been left to herself, both Cambridge and Saybrook platforms would have been quite different. As it was, Cambridge simply "recommends Westminster to the consideration of the churches." Dogmatic legislation was never assumed; as now, the local church adopted its own confession.

It is noteworthy, too, that from 1708, the date of the Saybrook platform, to 1865, the date of the Boston Council, no attempt was made to formulate the faith of the churches, or to express their loyalty to venerated symbols; and it was remarked by those who deprecated any such attempt in 1865, that experience had proved that 3,000 churches, dotting a domain of over 2,000 miles in width, had in no essential matter diverged from the evangelical faith. During the interim between 1708 and 1865, we see the safe working of the trust of the Pilgrims, who were not afraid to commend the spirit of inquiry after truth. "The Word," wrote John Cotton, "hath promised that more and more light shall break forth in these times; we shall sin against the grace and word of truth if we confine our truth either to the Divines of present or former ages." "Keep a window open to more light and truth," wrote Hugh Peter.

Yea, said Roger Williams, one scripture council in the mouth of a mechanic, before any decree of the whole country.

"The Independents," says the Scotch Rutherford, "pray that God would grant them the grace of liberty of conscience, a corrupt tenet, which bordereth with atheism, skepticism, and with all faiths, and no faith."

Amid whatever sharpness of theological discussion, due, as it was, to the energy of the New England mind, and to the intense interest felt in the truth, there was little inclination to encroach upon this liberty of conscience, or to stir up against a dissenter that odium theologicum to which Melancthon refers, when he says: "For two reasons I wish to die: That I may enjoy the sight which I long for of the Son of God, and of the Church in Heaven; and next, that I may be set free from the monstrous and implacable hatreds of the theologians."

By a system of church councils, in which the faith of the newly organized church, and of the candidate for ordination was attested, both the fellowship of the churches and the safeguard of truth were secured, while applicants for church membership were admitted largely upon experimental evidence.

It is evident that the New England churches did not fear to commit the truth to the guardianship of the Word and the Spirit.

"What," writes Baldwin Brown, "The Bible supremely wants, is freedom. You must think thus and thus about it, and about its every word, say the divines. Leave it free to win its reverence." He answers: "There is light there bright enough to be seen without your glasses, and power enough to be only hampered by your officious hand."

In thus trusting to the conserving leaven of the Bible, the religion of New England struck the key note of that Christian unity which is the vitally felt want of to-day, and which, it is plain, can never be secured either by compounding formulas of faith, (other than in the brevity and scripturalness of the apostles' creed,) or by making a sacrament or a questionable point of government the nucleus of a sect.

II. The religion of New England, it is clear, did not lack a *decided polity*. It had organic form, and was careful that everything should be done decently and in order. While protesting against what it held to be an unauthorized ecclesiasticism, it at the same time laid the foundations of a temple, destined, as its builders believed, to outlive the most elaborate hierarchies.

Searching the scriptures to see if these things were so, and guided by the spirit of God, the New England fathers found (as they were convinced) or rather, brought to the light, something more important than the "Invention of the Cross," viz: a polity combining force with elasticity, and security with freedom. And having found what to them was the better way—most like the pattern they had seen on the mount—we may be assured that they prized it, nor prized it the less after one hundred years of toil and triumph had tested its power, to make the wilderness glad, and the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

But the New England fathers were at no time propagandists of the polity which they defended and prized. They felt with an imperturbable calmness, that the unclogged and unliveried machinery of the Primitive Church would move straight forward, if but the spirit was in the wheels.

For, said John Robinson, the herald and prophet of the pilgrim exodus, "There will be no difference between the unconformable ministers and you, when they come to the practice of the ordinances out of the kingdom."

And so it turned out with the "unconformable" Puritans of Massachusetts Bay. Staunchly opposed, as they were at the first, to the simpler church constitution of the Plymouth colony, they soon adopted this policy for themselves, and that, too, after, in their farewell to England, they had taken pains to declare their greater loyalty than the Pilgrims, and their fixed predilection for a Presbyterian or a mildly Episcopal government.

John Cotton, who exchanged the stately cathedral of the old Boston for the "mud-wall meeting house with wooden chalices" of the new, very soon after reaching America, gave in his adhesion to the Pilgrim polity, soconclusively setting forth its virtues in the "Way of the Churches" as to win multitudes, and among them John Owen, who, after stating that the controversy between Independency and Presbytery had not before been understood by him, adds: "This way of examining all things by the word, comparing causes with causes, laying aside all prejudicate respect unto persons or present traditions, is a course that I would admonish all to beware of who would avoid the danger of being made Independents."

Nor is it unfair, from the reasons which, according to Macauley, induced such men as Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer to adopt the Anglican constitution, to infer that had these modelers of Anglicanism been exiles in a new world, they, too, would have built as did the Pilgrims.

Thus, as already said, the New England fathers had reason to feel that their scriptural polity would make its own way; willing in this, also, to offer themselves "as a stepping stone unto others," if so be that the kingdom of Christ might be extended in the land of their adoption. The sons of the Pilgrims are wont to

think that the more modern fathers strangely erred in too literally making themselves a stepping stone for the building of another denominational structure, when, fifty years ago, New England began to overflow all her banks.

It may be that this so-called blunder was due to indifference or timidity as to the extension of the polity which the pilgrims prized; or perhaps it was due, in part, to the conviction that that polity would so leaven other Christian bodies as to work out essentially the same liberty for which our fathers suffered; so modifying and moderating Presbyterianism, Methodism and Episcopacy, by intrenching upon the claim of rulership in all spheres outside of the local church, as to draw them into increasing affinity, thus hastening the day of a completed unity. And thus may it not be that they are in sympathy with the New England Fathers, who, with Sturtevant, see in the Congregational polity the final cure of the necessity of denominationalism, and, with Bacon, deplore the "attempt to institute a sectarian Congregationalism" as alien to the idea of the Pilgrim, or rather to the New Testament Church, which is, and he claims should therefore be so called, a Church of Christ, and nothing else.

But if our own or any of the churches desire to be "stepping stones" for the performance of so great work as this of a completed unity, they must heed the counsel which Cromwell addressed to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland: "I beseech you, brethren, in the bowels of Christ, to believe that you may be mistaken." For it is altogether probable that other branches of the church are in possession of important elements of strength and unity, which we have overlooked; the recognition and adoption of which may speed that day for which many are now more expectantly waiting, when there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.

III. The religion of New England will be always distinguished by the *sui generis* character of its public worship. The sermonettes of the Anglican service, which Latimer likened to strawberries and not meat, were extended into homilies sometimes measured by an hour-glass (which, it may be, the preacher forgot to turn). "The duration of an ordinary sermon," says a modern historian, "often reached two hours, as some now living can remember, and the weary ear often heard the divisions counted up to seventeenthly and eighteenthly toward infinity." Nor could it have been so hard in those days to produce both good and long sermons, inasmuch as many ministers were believed "to know the whole Bible 'by heart,' word for word."

The stigma of pulpiteer failed to silence the sacred rostrum, which so signalized the New England churches, and which, more than all else, trained the mind of the people. They surely could not merit the stinging rebuke of Hugh Latimer, in a discourse in St. Paul's, in which he said: "We have had so many hundred years, so many impeaching prelates, lording loiterers, and idle ministers. The apostles preached, and lorded not; and now they lord and preach not—and the people starve."

Starvation, certainly, was not a peril to a New England congregation a century ago. From our standpoint, we should rather fear incapacity of digestion, especially nowadays, when a discourse so long and so packed with meat would

be taken rather drowsily, unless the old time beadle were at hand to keep the children still and to wake up the old folks. And yet it is encouraging to note that these hard working preachers of the Word were regarded with the heart as well as with the mind of their hearers. "Here comes Mr. Wilson," said some one of a Boston minister, "and among all these people here, there are not seven but that love him;" to which it was quickly answered: "I'll tell you as good a thing as that: Among all this mighty body of people, there's not so much as one of them but Mr. Wilson loves him."

Next in honor to the sermon in the Sabbath services of those days came the long prayer, concerning which writes one: "It was common for the ministers to open their minds to the Lord for an hour, while the people stood and listened."

One Mr. Brewster ventured to suggest that the minister would do better to make two short prayers—a hint which has hardly been heeded even to this day.

The prejudice which the Puritans felt in reference to the reading of the Bible in the churches, due in part to its disproportionate use in the Anglican service, and which forbade its being publicly read without exposition, had, we imagine, greatly subsided before the era of the revolution. In the service of song, likewise, the modern lyric was beginning to find a place with the Scripture paraphrase and Rouse's version.

As far as I can learn, the deference to rank which was the legacy of Old England, and in accordance to which the good-man and good-wife sat at the rear of those who were entitled to be called Mr. and Mrs., still obtained in the order of church sittings—an order, the modern and more objectionable imitation of which is perpetuated in the rental or sale of pews, by which the best purse controls the best seat, and that, too, in God's house. Intense aversion to the burdensome ceremonialism from which they had made their exodus, will account for some of these peculiarities in the public worship of the earlier New England churches.

What Stanley says of Scotland was, in a measure, true of New England. Scotland, he writes, as well as England, has its symbolism, but it is one which depends for its meaning not on what it affirms, but on what it rejects. The Church of Scotland sat in praise because others stood. It stood in prayer, because others knelt. It was silent in funerals because others spoke. It repudiated Christmas, because others observed it.

But the day is past when a church can thrive on negations. We need not be ashamed to incorporate the methods or excellencies of a sister church. It is surely wise to be taught by friends. Nor is it as easy for any body of churches as it is for our own to make such changes as shall comport with the beauty, usefulness and attractiveness of public worship. Each church can work out the problem for itself, without dictation, neither waiting for a Bishop to send a form of prayer for any unlooked for occasion, nor suffering any one to prohibit the use of a form, should it so elect; and in the end there would result a happy combination of extempore and uniform liturgy, securing both the advantages of variety and unity. And in this way, as Buddington remarks, shall all the churches of Christ, recognizing in each other this freedom, with its consequent manifoldness of development, work out the problem of the unity of Christ's Catholic Church

— with a breadth and beauty, and intensity of life, and a power of co-action possible upon no other theory of the church.

There is neither time nor necessity to call to mind the fact that the religion of New England was memorable for the honor it put upon the Sabbath and the family—two kindred pillars of the church and the State. In spite of the seeming severity which hedged it in, the New England Sabbath will ever shine with that heavenly lustre

> "Which makes (that day) lovely in the sight
> Of angels pitying human cares."

With like fidelity children were publicly dedicated to God, and carefully instructed at home in the faith of their fathers. Let those who imagine that the religion of New England was peculiarly sombre or stringent, note the cotemporaneous legislation of the Jamestown colony. .

IV. The religion of New England (as will not be forgotten these centennial days) was the ally and prop of the State.

At the first the Massachusetts colony (not that of Plymouth) was a kind of "theocratic State," in which none but members of the church were entrusted with political power—while orthodoxy was sentineled by the law. This admixture of intolerance, the inheritance of the age, was manifest in comparatively few instances, and was speedily outgrown. It is to the honor of the Puritan colonies that they persecuted so little (and of the Plymouth colony that it persecuted not at all), and that with the growth of the power to persecute the spirit of intolerance died out. The substantial principle, however, remained intact, viz: that it is the bounden duty of the church to leaven the State.

The best men were held to public service by a monitory pressure.

In the Plymouth colony the governor elect who should refuse to take his place was amerced 20 pounds sterling. And there was method in this madness, for they saw that a corrupt State was an unsafe palladium of liberty, and that religious freedom would go down in the storm or perish through neglect, unless the magistrates were men fearing God and hating bribes—loving justice more than pelf or party.

But our fathers, likewise, knew that popular intelligence was vital to the existence of both civil and religious liberties, and hence they founded the Free School, that institution of New England birth which is now being put to such tremendous strain, and in defence of which the President has just uttered his timely counsel: "Encourage free schools, and resolve that not one dollar appropriated for their support shall be appropriated to the support of sectarian schools."

Nor should we omit to chronicle that indispensable guardian of a free State, the New England town-meeting, modeled as it was after the theory of the New England Church.

"The institution of towns" (writes Bancroft) "was the glory and strength of New England."

Each township was a Republic in a microcosm. The town meeting was the seminary and drill ground of freedom.

The free church, the free school, and town meeting, were thus the "triumvirate' of New England liberty. Under their combined tuition men were trained to be units—individuals—and not merely to become masses.

By the united hand of these three forces was laid the foundation of a "Government of the people, by the people and for the people," a very different thing from that devised by the artifice of Richelieu and the Napoleons, in which "all things should be for the people as long as nothing was done by them."

Had not George the Third and his Ministry been (we might say providentially) blind, they would have seen that the question of the independence of the American colonies was already prejudged.

Old England forgot that the minute men of 1775 were the descendants of the very Puritans who, says Macaulay "esteemed themselves nobles by the right of an earlier creation, and priests by the imposition of a mightier hand—men who prostrated themselves in the dust before their Maker, but who set their foot on the neck of their King."

Men who, as one says of Hooker, could put a King in their pocket, were not likely to submit to an unjust tax, when in their own language they believed that "if parliament could tax them, then could it establish the Church of England, and prohibit all other churches as conventicles and schism shops."

"Divided," wrote Lord Chatham to the King, "as are the American Colonies, into a thousand forms of policy and religion, there is one point in which they all agree: they equally detest the pageantry of a King and the supercilious hypocrisy of a Bishop."

To this end, of Independence, conspired the town meeting, the free school and the New England Church. "Neither Jefferson, nor Franklin, nor I," said Adams, "started the idea of Independence—it sprang from the hearts of the people. When I taught school in Worcester, and boarded around in the families of the farmers, I got such ideas of the state of liberty and of patriotism, as satisfied me we must come to this at last."

The royalists of New York stigmatized Connecticut as a land of republicans and Yale as a seminary of democracy.

"Among the hills of Berkshire," writes Bancroft, (and in this he was the type of the New England pulpit,) "Hopkins, discoursing to the tillers of the soil, founded morals on the doctrine of disinterested love, which established it as the duty of every one to be willing to sacrifice himself for the glory of God, the freedom of his country, and the well-being of his race."

"It was a people," said Samuel Adams, "who of all the people on the earth deserve most to be free."

But a religion only that, in accordance with the counsels of John Robinson, had not forgotten to grow and to welcome more light than Geneva or Wittemberg had seen, could have matured the breadth and fellowship which was vital to the largest conception of a free Commonwealth.

"Against the feudal aristocracy," says Bancroft, "the plebian reformer (Calvin) summoned the spotless nobility of the elect, foreordained from the beginning of

the world; but New England, which had no hereditary caste to beat down, ceased to make predestination its ruling idea, and maturing a character of its own.

"Saw love attractive, every system bind."

A son of the Puritans, now resident in a European capitol, where the battle waxes hot between liberty and autocracy—free thought and Vaticanism—in speaking of the legacy of the heroic age of New England, associates "Good will toward mankind, with self-government in the State, and freedom for the church."

The founder of American independence did not forget the welfare of the nations across the sea, from which they were sprung. They were fighting for others than themselves.

In 1757, eighteen years before the first gun of the Revolution, when Frederick the Great stood forth alone, "the unshaken bulwark of Protestantism," we see a remarkable contrast (not, however, without its modern parallel) between the friends of the contending champions.

"While," says the historian, "Clement the Thirteenth commemorates an Austrian victory over Prussia, by the gift of a cap and sword, in the weekly concerts of prayer in New England, petitions went up for the Prussian hero who had drawn his sword in the cause of religious liberty—of the Protestant interest and the liberties of Europe. "His victories," said a Boston preacher, "are our own."

We can only, as we close, call attention to the great awakening, which refreshed the religion of New England 100 years ago, preparing the people for the struggle of the Revolution, as the revivals of 1857 and 1858 prepared their descendants for the more fiery crucible of 1861 to 1865.

Jonathan Edwards, in New England, as Whitfield and Wesley in the old and new world, were prominent among the human forces that were brought into the kingdom for such a time as that. Peace had its triumphs as well as war. Under the bold and earnest presentation of truth, and through the power of the Spirit of God, Pentecostal marvels were witnessed. Fifty thousand, or more than one-quarter the population of New England in 1740, were added to the churches. In Northampton, the new disciples ranged from the ages of four to ninety. Truth gleamed with new force, light and directness. May these centennial years witness in all the churches throughout the length and breadth of the land a like precious Penticostal harvest, reviving pulpit and people, and gathering into the fold of Christ multitudes of the lost—for whom the Son of God died.

# APPENDIX N.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIVALS.

One year ago, by direction of the Conference, your committee called the attention of the churches to their pressing need of a general revival of religion. They urged upon them the necessity of at once seeking this blessing, and of making diligent preparation therefor. And as a measure helpful toward the end in view, they asked them to unite in observing the 14th and 15th of November as a season of special humiliation and prayer, in this particular adopting a suggestion which had been made by the Mankato Presbytery to their churches, and with a view to uniting with them so far as practicable.

And now, as we come together after the expiration of a year, the question comes up, what result, if any, has followed this action?

Looking into such reports of the churches as we have obtained, we find that not less than twenty-eight of them have enjoyed an encouraging measure of spiritual refreshing. That in nearly all these the revival has overpassed the boundaries of the churches, and resulted in the conversion of souls. And that in many the work has been powerful, the ingathering large.

This is indeed cheering, though, while we speak joyfully of the twenty-eight, we cannot help wishing, with a throb of pain, that the remaining sixty had shared in the blessing.

But how much has *last* autumn's action of the Conference had to do with *this* autumn's encouraging report from such a goodly number of churches?

Your committee does not claim to know. He only knows who can trace all the hidden movements of human hearts, and of the Holy Spirit. We can but think, however, that the discussion in Conference was effective in stirring the hearts and in establishing the purpose of ministers and delegates who were present, to work for a revival; and that the circular of the committee was helpful in bringing the churches face to face with the demands of duty, and in calling them to prayer.

We now ask your attention to a *part* of the field, in which the revival seems to have been more general than elsewhere, that part, in the occupancy of which the Mankato Presbytery and the western portion of the Owatonna Conference very nearly coincide.

The Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of Mankato early arranged to work together. Preparatory labor was done in each, in the way of household

visitation and neighborhood prayer meetings. Rev. H. P. Welton, then pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hastings, was secured as a helper. And, when the morning of Nov. 14th had arrived, they were together with one accord in one place. And before that morning meeting closed, it was manifest that the Saviour also was present, according to his promise: "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The hearts of Christians were melted, and sinners began to ask what they must do to be saved. The work went on from the first quietly, tenderly, powerfully.

Mr. Welton remained five weeks, doing nearly all the preaching. His labors were of great value, and the brethren in Mankato most heartily commend him to the churches, as a man of thoroughly catholic spirit, and as a workman that needeth not be ashamed. After his departure, the pastors of the two churches continued the meetings two weeks longer, preaching alternately, and then followed the week of prayer.

From Mankato the work spread abroad. Soon after the meetings began, a young man from Stirling came into the city on business. He remained over night, attended the meeting, received a quickening, and went home, eager to see a similar work there, fully believing that it was possible, and prepared to assist in it. Helpers went out to them from Mankato, and when they returned, they brought most cheering intelligence of successful work. Pastors came in from hard fields in neighboring towns, and they went home resolved upon immediate effort among their own people, and upon earnest prayer for God's blessing, no longer doubting His readiness to hear their cry. While the revival was in progress, the Autumn meeting of Owatonna Conference was held in Mankato. This meeting was thoroughly blended with the work in hand. The pastors and delegates entered heartily, and with delighted interest, into it. They were refreshed themselves, and they went back to their churches both quickened and encouraged to pray and work for souls. In nearly every instance, they were rewarded with success.

After the principal stress of labor in Mankato was past, the pastors of churches there, and laymen also, went out to aid in other places, confidently expecting that God would be with them, and everywhere the results were cheering. They bear united testimony that the whole field was white to the harvest. All that was necessary was to thrust in the sickle and reap. They saw and deeply felt that the power, as well as the preparation, was of God. This was so manifest, that there was almost no temptation to take credit to themselves, or to trust in their own strength, but their faith in God was marvelously enlarged.

In endeavoring to count up the fruits, we find that in Owatonna Conference, thirteen churches were, to a greater or less extent, revived. Eight churches in Mankato Presbytery, and a large number of Methodist and Baptist churches shared the same blessing. Some of these revivals, as, for instance, those in Mankato, St. Peter, Lake Crystal, Madelia, Waseca and Worthington, were general, moving powerfully the whole community, and leading a large number to seek openly for the Saviour.

And now it remains only for us to gather up, if possible, some practical lessons from this narative of facts.

1. And first we notice how manifestly the whole work was of God. The inception of it was from him. His chastening it was that humbled his people, and made them feel their need sufficiently to *ask* for the blessing. He made them to feel poor in spirit, and we know that to such great things are promised. And so it is always. We need never expect a revival from any other source than from God, not till His dealing with us has wrought in our souls a deep, yea, even a painful consciousness of our great need.

Nor can we hope that a work of grace will *go on* prosperously, except so long as His people keep their hold upon His power, by means of their continued sense of utter dependence upon Him—continued poverty of spirit. When they grow self-confident, or when they put their trust in any human agency, they lose their hold on Him, and they become weak like other men.

2. We also ask your attention to the fresh development of faith in God, which preceded and accompanied this work of grace. The profound sense of need, of which we have spoken, was not a feeling of despair. From almost the first it was accompanied by its proper correlative, an equally profound confidence in both the power and the willingness of God to bestow the blessing needed. Long before the meetings commenced, individuals spoke freely of the great things they were expecting. Like Moody in London, they were ready to thank God for what He was about to do. And as the work advanced, it was marvellous to see how the *faith* of God's people increased. Prayer ceased to be a form of empty generalities. It became specific, fervent, confident, prevailing. The belief was often and often expressed that nothing was too difficult for God; and it had manifestly become the joyful conviction of the heart.

And here we discover another element essential in all successful revival work. Without faith we cannot please God, and without God we can do nothing.

3. Again, please notice the illustration we have here of the value of union in prayer and effort; In one heart a desire was developed to observe two days as days of humiliation and prayer. He was enabled to interest in the same desire his brethren of the Presbytery; and their united call went forth, consequently, to the churches, thus securing a more widespread union. And then this suggestion was heartily taken up by another body, of another name, and sent forth to many other local churches. Thus it came to pass, that thousands were joined in prayer for the one thing, gaining, as we believe, immense force by their union. And then, when the work itself began, it was a *union* work, and as it went forward in all those various places, still it was everywhere a union work.

Brethren, is it not time to abandon the idea of isolation in our efforts to promote the Kingdom of Christ? Is not the movement of the day towards a closer union among the different arms of the one great service—towards that oneness of spirit for which the Master prayed? And is not the providence of God leading that movement? Then it is vain to look for great success, except as we fall in with the manifest plan of our great Captain. He orders the campaign. It is ours to execute it strictly according to his design.

At this point, brethren, we ask, "Have we not before us all that is absolutely essential to success in revival work—a profound sense of need and dependence, correlated by full confidence in God, and a union of prayer and effort as widely extended as possible? Indeed, wherever this trinity of qualifications for the work exists, there the revival has commenced, and it will go forward till this inward fitness for it is in some way lost or marred.

It is not needful that we should call particular attention to the specific measures adopted in the work of grace under consideration.

Measures vary. They must be varied according to the demands of the time, and the character of the place, and the peculiarities of the individual or individuals who conduct the work.

To hold up any set of measures, therefore, as very important, will inevitably mislead. It diverts attention from the really essential points, of which mention has just been made. If we make sure of the requisite inward fitness, the proper measures will suggest themselves. Even a moderate endowment of "sanctified common sense," will not fail to discover those that are appropriate. But there is one thing belonging to this part of the subject, of which we will speak.

4. Into nearly all of these places that were so refreshed last winter, helpers were invited from without. And this aid was regarded as highly important, as almost indispensable to the work. It was exceedingly helpful to the pastors to be relieved during the time of special effort, from the burden of daily preaching. It set them free for more direct and personal work. And it is certainly a matter of the utmost importance that the pastor should do much of this. He needs it for its influence on himself. It is a means of grace to him, with which he cannot safely dispense. And it is needful that he should early come into personal contact with every soul among his own flock that is born in the kingdom. If he does not do this near the time of conversion, he will, in all probability, find it more difficult to establish the proper relations between himself and them subsequently.

In the revivals now under consideration, the helpers were neighboring pastors. And when this is possible, it seems to your committee better than to employ professional revivalists. Not that we object to them, nor that we are disposed to find fault with the glorious work they have done, and still are doing. But we feel that it will be a sad day, when it comes to the prevailing opinion that *pastors* are not revival preachers—that they are not to be expected to do this kind of work. It will be sad for the pastorate when every incumbent of that office, who develops some special fitness for the conduct of revival meetings, shall be called out of it and enrolled among the evangelists. Sad to the individual pastor when he settles down into the conviction that he is to have no part in the form of effort. And therefore we favor especially the calling of neighboring pastors to help each other in these labors, hoping that thereby a fitness for them will be more generally developed, perfected and maintained.

We have now completed the work which you laid upon us as your committee. With glad hearts have we reviewed God's gracious dealings with our Zion. If the little we have done has contributed in any measure to the blessed result, we

humbly rejoice in that. Some of you have come up to this place from fields of labor in which your efforts have been crowned with a success that is more precious to you than any earthly good. And as we exchange our greetings, we are ready, with all the heart, to exclaim with you, "Bless the Lord, O! my soul, and forget not all His benefits!" Brethren, can we not with one accord join in thanksgiving to our God, through whose mercy "The day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death?" And as we look forth from the midst of our rejoicing toward those churches that are yet waiting for the blessing, sitting yet a little longer in the darkness, shall we not speak to them a word of cheer? May we not say to each of them, as Martha said to her sister Mary, "The Master is come, and calleth for *thee*?" Shall we not remind them of his words to that same Martha, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou should *see* the glory of God?" May God help us all and them to *believe*, and so to be partakers of His salvation.

L. W. CHANEY,
J. W. RAY,
*Committee.*

# APPENDIX O.

The committee to whom papers relating to the subject of Temperance were referred, offer the following resolutions:

1. As a Conference, we heartily endorse the work of the Minnesota Sabbath School Temperance League; and we recommend that the pledge be circulated, and a positive influence for temperance exerted in all our Sabbath schools.

2. We believe that this subject should be made prominent in the teaching of the pulpit, and that by monthly union meetings, or other appropriate forms of action, all our churches should be actively engaged in temperance work.

3. Until we can secure something better, we recommend the friends of temperance to secure all the good they can from the present Excise Law of Minnesota.

4. We hold that good people should vote as they pray, and seek to elevate only pure and temperance men to positions of official trust.

S. H. BARTEAU,
J. W. RAY,
—— DOUGLAS.

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| Salter, C. C. | 1859, | 4, | 11, | Pastor | Duluth | Nor |
| Simmons, H. C. | 1872, | | | " | Marshall | Mar |
| Shedd, Charles. | 1842, | 3, | 24, | Without Charge | Waseca | Owa |
| Sheldon, C. B. | 1851, | 10, | 9, | Acting Pastor | Excelsior | North |
| Snell, W. W. | 1859, | 10, | 16, | " " | Rushford | Winona. |
| Spaulding, George. | 1848, | | | Without Charge | Northfield | |
| Starr, O. A. | 1871, | 4, | 6, | Acting Pastor | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Stearns, J. G. D. | 1843, | 5, | 10, | " " | Clearwater | Northern. |
| Stimson, H. A. | 1870, | 5, | 25, | Pastor | Minneapolis | " |
| Strong, Jas. W., D. D. | 1862, | 9, | 28, | Pres't Carleton College | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Strong, J. C. | 1846, | 11, | 16, | Without Charge | Chain Lake Centre. | " |
| Terry, C. M. | 1871, | 11, | 2, | Pastor | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Tobey, I. F. | 1873, | 7, | 17, | Acting Pastor | Brownsdale | Owatonna |
| Todd, J. D. | 1860, | 1, | | " " | Granite Falls | Marshall. |
| Tuttle, H. B. | 1874, | | | " " | Worthington | Madison |
| Twitchell, Royal. | 1842, | 1, | 12, | Without Charge | New Munich | Northern. |
| Webber, J. S. | 1872, | 8, | 13, | Acting Pastor | Breckenridge | Northern |
| Weld, Wm. M. | 1852, | 5, | 14, | " " | Marine Mills | Northern. |
| Williams, E. M. | 1869. | 2, | 25, | " " | Minneapolis E. D. | " |
| Williams, E. S. | 1864, | 6, | 10, | Pastor Elect | Minneapolis | " |
| Willard, Henry. | 1858, | 10, | 20, | Acting Pastor | Plainview | Winona. |
| Willey, Austin. | 1859, | 5, | 18, | Without Charge | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Wright, C. E. | 1875, | 6, | 2. | Pastor | Austin | " |

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| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | P. Fay | 1875 | ..... | |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | 1875 | 42 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | ..... | ..... | No report | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | D. W. Rosencrans | 1875 | ..... | |
| Blaenavon | 1875 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 15 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 13 | Unsupplied No report | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | I. F. Tobey | 1873 | ..... | |
| Butternut Valley | 1855 | 10 | 13 | D. D. Jones | 1875 | ..... | 2 |
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| Chain Lake Centre | 1865 | 5 | 29 | E. N. Raymond | 1874 | ..... | |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | ..... | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 1 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | J. G. D. Stearns | 1868 | ..... | 1 |
| Collins | 1871 | 9 | 10 | S. H. Kellogg | 1871 | ..... | |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 11 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 3 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | P. Fay | 1875 | ..... | 1 |
| Dodge Centre | 1858 | 6 | 6 | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | |
| Douglas | 1870 | 8 | 28 | C. A. Ruddock | 1874 | ..... | 1 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | ..... | C. C. Salter | 1874 | ..... | 2 |

# CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational Churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each Church being represented by its Pastor, or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meetings of this body may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress, and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and an Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the Second Thursday of October, at 7 o'clock P. M., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The Annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon, from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements

and Devotional Exercises, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse; and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary, or pastor of the Church with which the Conference meets shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates and delegates shall be presented, and the names of the members enrolled; after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write upon it his name and the Church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate, and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. Committees shall be appointed to propose place and preachers for the next meeting, on resolutions, printing and finance.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every Church applying for admission to this Conference shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing, and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. IV. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local Conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. V. Those officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for three years.

ART. VI. The Executive Committees shall be chosen annually by the Society, upon the nomination of the Local Conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields; Missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for Conference at each gathering of the Local Conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees shall also make a written report to the Society at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every aided church within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall consist of the chairmen of the several Executive Committees and two members at large, to be chosen annually by the Society. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also

upon the call of their Chairman whenever any exigency may require; shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents to the parent Society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. IX. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruuction of the parent Society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. X. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the Society.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *Provided* the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

# CARLETON COLLEGE,

## NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA.

CARLETON COLLEGE is located at Northfield, Minn., about seventy-five miles north of the Iowa line, and forty miles south of St. Paul. Though not under ecclesiastical control, nor sectarian in its methods or influences, it is intended to be emphatically a *Christian College*. It offers its privileges to all alike irrespective of race, nationality, or denominational preferences; and it aims at the standard of scholarship maintained by the older Colleges of New England. Its Faculty desire to provide an education *liberal* and *thorough*, that shall embrace moral culture as well as mental discipline, and secure a symmetrical Christian character.

All departments are open to students of either sex. Ladies reside with the lady-teachers, in a separate building, but both sexes meet in all general exercises, are instructed in the same classes, and may take the same degrees.

## INSTRUCTORS, 1875-6.

REV. JAMES W. STRONG, D. D.,
*President, and Prof. of Ment. and Mor. Phil.*

HORACE GOODHUE, JR., A. M.,
*Prof. of Greek and Principal Prep. Dept.*

WILLIAM W. PAYNE, A. M.,
*Prof. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.*

MISS MARGARET J. EVANS, A. M.,
*Preceptress, and Prof of Modern Languages.*

JOS. H. CHAMBERLIN, A. M.,
*Teacher of Latin.*

LYMAN B. SPERRY, M. D.,
*Teacher of Physical Science.*

REV. D. L. LEONARD, A. M.,
*Teacher of Rhetoric and English Literature.*

DWIGHT C. RICE,
*Professor of Music.*

MRS. MARY J. BOIES,
*Matron and Teacher of Calisthenics.*

MISS JULIA M. WHITE, M. S.,
*Teacher in the English Department.*

A. E. BUNKER,
*Teacher of Book-keeping.*

T. R. HAMLIN,
*Teacher of Penmanship.*

## COURSES OF STUDY.

Four courses have been arranged, as follows:

The *English Course*, extending over four years, and provided for those unable to secure a thorough classical education.

The *Preparatory Course*, designed to fit students for the regular collegiate studies, and covering three years.

The *Academic Course*, which unites the Latin of the Preparatory Department with the modern languages, mathematics and general studies of the English Course, and occupies four years.

The *College Course*, which embraces the usual four years' curriculum of study.

Instruction is given upon the piano forte, cabinet organ, and in chorus singing and notation. Regular classes are formed in calisthenics.

## REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.

To commence either the *English Course* or the *Preparatory Course*, only such advancement is required as will enable the student to pursue it with profit. The studies of the first term are Robinson's Higher Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Latin Grammar and Reader, or U. S. History. For admission to the *Academic Course*, the first year's studies of the Preparatory Department are required. To enter the *College Department*, students are examined in the following named branches:

*English*—Grammar, Ancient and Modern Geography, United States History.

*Mathematics*—Arithmetic, Olney's Algebra to Part III; Geometry, six books.

*Latin*—Harkness's Latin Grammar, Harkness's Latin Composition, to Part III; Cæsar, two books; Cicero, six orations; Virgil, six books of the Æneid; Smaller History of Rome.

*Greek*—Crosby's Greek Grammar (New Edition); Arnold's Greek Prose Composition, twenty sections; Xenophon's Anabasis, three books, Homer's Iliad, two books; Smaller History of Greece.

For full courses of study, reference is made to the Annual Catalogue.

## EXPENSES.

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| Board in College Building, per week | $2 75 | Use of Piano per term, one hour per day | $2 00 |
| Tuition—Higher English and Classics, per term of 13 weeks | 8 00 | Room Rent, per term | 8 00 |
| " Common English, per term of 13 weeks | 6 00 | Incidentals, per term | 1 00 |
| " Instrumental Music, per lesson of one hour | 1 00 | Heating, in proportion to cost. | |

The rooms in the Ladies' Hall are furnished with stoves, chairs, tables, washstand bureaus, mattresses and bedsteads; and those of Willis Hall are supplied with the same excepting mattresses.

☞ *All other furniture must be procured by the occupant.*

A building containing unfurnished room for twelve young men, is devoted to those wishing to board themselves. Board can be obtained in the institution at the prices given above or in private families at reasonable rates.

Board bills are esteemed due every four weeks in advance, and term bills at the beginning of each term. No tuition bills made out for less than half a term.

## CALENDAR.

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| Wednesday, January 5th, 1876, Winter Term of 2 weeks begins. | Anniversary exercises, June 27 and 28, 1876. |
| Vacation of one week. | Vacation of ten weeks. |
| Wednesday, April 5th, 1876, Spring Term of 12 weeks begins. | Examinations to enter College, June 24th and Sept. 5th, 1876. |
| | Fall Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1876. |

Applications for rooms in the Ladies' Hall may be made to the Preceptress; for rooms in other Halls, to Prof. Goodhue; for Board to the Matron. These applications should be made as early as possible. As the classification is made upon the *first day* of the term, and work commenced *immediately*, it is very desirable that all students be present at the beginning of each term, and especially so at the commencement of a new year, when the regular classes in Greek Latin and the Modern Languages are formed.

General correspondence may be directed to

JAMES W. STRONG, President,
*Northfield, Minnesota.*

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## OFFICERS.

REV. E. M. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

REV. C. W. MERRILL, MR. A. M. ALDEN,
*Scribes.*

REV. C. A. HAMPTON, REV. N. C. CHAPIN,
*Rec. Secretary.* *Cor. Secretary.*

MR. WILLIAM CHENEY, REV. S. H. BARTEAU,
*Statistical Sec'y.* *Treas. W. & O. Aid Soc.*

MR. H. W. PAGE, REV. E. M. WILLIAMS,
*Auditor.* *Treasurer.*

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OF MINNESOTA.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota met at Austin, Thursday evening, October 12th, 1876. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. A. Hood, of Fergus Falls, from Ephesians 3:8.

Rev. J. N. Powell was chosen temporary Moderator, and Mr. S. A. Hunt temporary Scribe.

On motion Revs. D. L. Leonard, F. L. Fuller, and O. C. Dickerson were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Conference adjourned to meet on Friday morning, at 9 o'clock.

## FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference was called to order by the Moderator, *pro tem.*

The Committee on Nominations reported, and officers were elected as follows:

*Moderator*—Rev. E. M. Williams.
*Scribe*—Rev. C. W. Merrill.
*Assistant Scribe*—Mr. A. M. Alden.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

On motion, it was voted to adopt the order of exercises reported by the Business Committee.

The following is the completed roll of the members of the Conference:

| *Places.* | *Pastors.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | E. H. Alden | |
| Austin | C. E. Wright | Frederick King. |
| Belgrade | D. B. Eells | |
| Brownsdale | I. F. Tobey | |
| Breckenridge | Frank N. Walcott, licen. | |
| Cannon Falls | C. A. Ruddock | |
| Claremont | F. McCraken | Mrs. F. McCraken and Mrs. T. J. Hunt. |
| Cottage Grove | | Mrs. E. J. Hart. |
| Dodge Center | | Dea D. A. Armstrong. |
| Elk River | J. F. Guyton | |
| Excelsior | C. B. Sheldon | |
| Fairmont | Adam Simpson | |
| Faribault | | Dea. D. M. Evans. |
| Fergus Falls | Geo. A. Hood | |
| Freeborn | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Hamilton | F. L. Fuller | Albert Lyon. |
| Hartland | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Lake City | J. W. Ray | |
| Mankato | L. W. Chaney | |
| Mantorville | William Gill | |
| Medford | J. N. Powell | |
| Minneapolis, First | E. M. Williams | A. M. Alden. |
| " Plymouth | H. A. Stimson | L. H. Cobb. |
| " Pilgrim | C. A. Hampton | |
| Monticello | D. Jenkins | |
| Northfield | D. L. Leonard | |
| Owatonna | O. C. Dickerson | Lewis L. Wheelock. |
| Plainview | Henry Willard | |
| Providence | D. B. Eells | |
| Rochester | N. C. Chapin | Martin Cook. |
| Rose Creek | A. Morse | |
| Rushford | W. W. Snell | Geo. H. Hitchcock. |
| Sleepy Eye | O. P. Champlin | |
| Sterling | George Johnson | |
| St. Paul | | R. Hall. |
| Spring Valley | C. W. Merrill | Sidney A. Hunt. |
| Wabasha | J. D. Todd | |
| Walnut Station | L. H. Moses | |
| Waseca | L. Loring | Charles Shedd. |
| Winnebago Agency | R. S. Armstrong | |

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Secretary, A. H. M. S. New York City.
Rev. R. G. Jones, D. D., Utica, New York.
Rev. James W. Strong, D. D., President of Carleton College, Northfield.
Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Milford, Massachusetts.
Rev. Wm. Gunderson, Missionary of the American Sunday School Union.
Rev. T. O. Douglas, Osage, Iowa.
Rev. Norman McLeod, Wisconsin.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey, District Secretary. A. B. C. F. M. Chicago.
Rev. James Powell, Western Secretary, A. M. A., Chicago.
Rev. H. J. Crist, Austin, Delegate from Conference M. E. Church.
Rev. Daniel Emerson.

A paper on "A Congregational Church in Minnesota; the true Ideal of its Character, Organization, and Work," was read by Rev. D. L. Leonard. A discussion followed, opened by Rev. William Gill. After a recess of five minutes, another Paper, on "The Practical Life and Management of a Church as seen by a Layman," prepared by Mr. J. W. L. Corning of St. Paul, was read by Rev. G. A. Hood. (See Appendix J.) Discussion followed, led by Mr. H. W. Page, of Austin.

The report of the Treasurer of Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society was presented and accepted. (See Appendix C.)

After singing the Doxology, Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Todd. The roll was called and corrected.

Conference listened to brief addresses from brethren who had been elected honorary members.

The following committees were appointed:

*On Resolutions*—Revs. G. A. Hood, N. C. Chapin and F. L. Fuller.

*On Finance and Printing*—Revs. E. M. Williams, C. M. Terry and I. F. Tobey.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, William Gill and Mr. A. M. Alden.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. C. E. Wright, J. N. Powell, F. McCraken, L. Loring and Mr. L. L. Wheelock.

*On Sabbath Services*—Revs. C. E. Wright, A. Morse and Deacon D. A. Armstrong.

*On Simplifying the Plan of Reports from Officers and Committees of the Conference and the Home Missionary Society*—Revs. J. W. Strong, D. D., R. Hall and J. D. Todd.

*On Place and Preacher for next Meeting*—Revs. J. N. Powell, L. Loring and Mr. A. Lyon.

*On Reception of Churches*—Revs. R. Hall, W. W. Snell and Mr. Frederic King.

*Auditor*—Mr. H. W. Page.

In place of a written report on revivals, Revs. J. W. Ray, L. W. Chaney and C. A. Ruddock addressed the Conference on the general subject of revivals.

Rev. C. W. Merrill presented a Paper on "The Ideal of Ministerial Character," which was followed in discussion by Rev. D. Jenkins.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Shedd.

The Annual Report of the President of Carleton College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix G.)

Adjourned to meet at 7:15 P. M.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

Conference met according to adjournment. Fifteen minutes were spent in devotional service.

Rev. E. M. Williams read a Paper on "The Civil Aspect of the Sunday Question." Rev. L. W. Chaney followed in discussion.

Rev. H. A. Stimson, in behalf of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, presented their Report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix E.)

Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., presented the following resolutions on Railroad Bonds, which were discussed and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain obligations of our Commonwealth, known as State Railroad Bonds, for the redemption of which the State has pledged her "faith and credit," still, to our public reproach and dishonor, remain unpaid, and, as respects both principal and interest, practically repudiated; and,

WHEREAS, The validity of these bonds has been passed upon by the courts until it has been reviewed by the highest judicatory of the land, with the unvarying decision that "the State is bound by every consideration of honor and good faith to pay them," so that there is no further room to question the obligation, and yet the State now stands in the position of refusing to meet her just obligations because of her sovereignty, in which she cannot be coerced or made amenable to the tribunals of the land; and,

WHEREAS, We believe it is the duty of the churches of Christ to oppose all immorality and injustice, whether individual or corporate, and to demand integrity and honor in affairs of the state as well as of the church; therefore,

*Resolved*, That as christian citizens, and as representatives of our churches suffering reproach from the dishonor of virtual State repudiation, we hold that every christian member of the commonwealth is bound to do all in his power to arouse the public conscience to the moral obligation resting upon our State to remove this reproach, and by providing for a just and honorable settlement of her bonds, to vindicate her integrity.

Adjourned business till 2 P. M. Saturday, to spend an hour socially with the people of Austin, at the house of Dr. Wheat.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference called to order at 2 P. M. In the absence of Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., was chosen temporary Moderator.

Rev. R. Hall gave an abstract of his Report as Statistical Secretary, which was accepted.

On motion, Rev. R. Hall was requested to prepare a brief History of the Churches of the State.

The Committee on Nominations reported Rev. E. M. Williams for Treasurer of the General Conference, and Rev. S. H. Barteau for Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society, and they were elected.

Rev. L. Loring read a Paper on "The Attainment of the Deeper Spiritual Experiences," which was followed in discussion by Rev. C. Shedd, and others.

The Committee to visit Carleton College presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix I.)

Rev. L. W. Chaney presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we most heartily express, and with gratitude record our appreciation of the good providence of God, as it is unfolded to us in the first ten years just completed, of the history of Carleton College. We congratulate the able and faithful workers who have engaged in the upbuilding of the Institution, upon the remarkable success that has crowned their endeavors, and with great satisfaction we commend this School of Christian culture to the affections, the co-operation, and the patronage of the people.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next meeting reported Faribault as the place. Preacher, Rev. C. W. Merrill primary, Rev. H. A. Stimson, alternate.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath services was presented and adopted.

The Committee on the Reception of Churches, presented the following:

Burns, Butternut Valley—"Goshen," Lamberton, Maine, St. Olaff and Union Grove. Report adopted, and these churches enrolled.

Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., in behalf of the Committee on simplifying Reports, recommended the following.

1. That the third By-law of the Conference be amended by the insertion of the word "revivals," after the word "resolutions," and that the duty of the Committee thus authorized be to promote revivals within our State, by correspondence, by securing aid to pastors and churches, and by any other means in their judgment deemed helpful.

2. That Article Fifth of the Constitution of the Conference be amended by inserting after the word "religion," the words "in the self-supporting churches."

Since the Constitution of the State Home Missionary Society has been to-day amended so as to require from the Executive Committee or Superintendent of Home Missions, a specific statement respecting the aided churches, this will provide full reports, covering the entire field, without unnecessary repetition.

Rev. R. Hall presented the request of a Convention of Statistical State Secretaries, held in Boston, May 31st ult., that Statistical Reports be made uniform, on a plan proposed by them, and that the Statistical year begin January 1st. On motion the request was referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. L. H. Cobb, J. W. Ray and C. A. Hampton, who subsequently reported recommending uniformity in items called for, except the date; and that the date be January 1st, provided the Statistics printed in the January Quarterly, be those of the year immediately preceding. The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion it was voted that the churches of the State be divided into five Conferences, to wit: Anoka, Northern Pacific, Owatonna, Western and Winona, and that the Statistics of the churches be printed by Conferences to correspond with this division.

The Treasurer of Conference presented his Report which was accepted. (See Appendix B.)

Rev. H. J. Crist presented the salutations of the M. E. Conference of Minnesota, which was responded to by the Moderator, and Rev. D. L. Leonard was chosen to represent Conference in that body at its next annual session at Faribault.

Rev. R. Hall tendered his resignation as Statistical Secretary, which was accepted, and special thanks voted for his fidelity in the office.

On report of the Nominating Committee the following Committees were elected:

*Arrangements for next Meeting*—Minister of Church at Faribault, Prof. J. L. Noyes, Rev. J. N. Powell and Deacon D. M. Evans.

*On Revivals*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, C. W. Merrill and C. A. Ruddock.

*Business Committee*—Revs. D. L. Leonard, William Gill and E. S. Williams.

On motion it was voted to ask copies of Papers read before the Conference, for printing in the Minutes at the discretion of the Committee on Printing.

Voted that a tax of three cents per member be assessed on the members of the churches to defray expense of printing Minutes.

A communication was read from Rev. W. W. Satterlee, Agent Minnesota Temperance Union, in response to which the Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with joy and thanksgiving of the recent revival of temperance in New England, and especially of its intimate connection with the churches.

*Resolved*, That while we gladly co-operate with all organizations, yet temperance work belongs to the churches and cannot, without serious fault and harm be by them relinquished to any other hands.

*Resolved*, That the evils of intemperance are so grave and inveterate that spasmodic effort of any sort is of comparatively little value, and therefore, agitation, instruction, good influence should be constant and unwearied, a part of the organic life of the church.

*Resolved*, That at regular and frequent intervals temperance should be brought up for consideration in sermons, discussions, sabbath school and concert exercises, and by means of songs, papers, books and judicious circulation of the pledge.

Voted to request Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Rev. S. J. Humphrey and Rev. James Powell to address the Conference at the evening session on the work of the A. H. M. S. the A. B. C. F. M., and the A. M. A., respectively.

After singing Doxology, adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

Conference called to order by Pres. Strong, temporary Moderator. Rev. L. Loring, of Waseca, led in prayer.

Committee on Nominations presented the name of Mr. William Cheney, of Minneapolis, for Statistical Secretary, and he was elected.

Conference listened to addresses by Secretaries Clapp, Humphrey and Powell, upon the work of the A. H. M. S., the A. B. C. F. M., and the A. M. A.

The Committee on Sabbath Services reported as follows:

MORNING.

Missionary Prayer Meeting, led by Rev. L. H. Cobb.
Congregational Church, Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D.
Baptist Church, Rev. S. J. Humphrey.
Methodist Church, Rev. James Powell.
Universalist Church, Rev. L. W. Chaney.

AFTERNOON.

Congregational Church, at 3, Communion Service, led by Revs. L. H. Cobb and D. L. Leonard.

EVENING.

Methodist Church, Rev. C. W. Merrill.
Universalist Church, Rev. J. W. Ray.
Congregational Church, Gospel Meeting, led by the Pastor, Rev. C. E. Wright, and addressed by Revs. L. W. Chaney, L. H. Cobb, James Powell, S. J. Humphrey and A. H. Clapp, D. D. Subject: Consecration.

Rev. D. L. Leonard presented the following:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be extended to the Congregational Church and people of Austin, for the *warm welcome and generous hospitality* shown to the members of the Conference at this session. Also, to the several railroad companies which have generously reduced their rates of travel.

Passed unanimously, and responded to by Rev. C. E. Wright.

On motion of Rev. L. W. Chaney, voted:

To ask Rev. E. M. Williams to wait upon the Governor of the State, in the name of this Conference, and request him to appoint a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, in view of the scourge of locusts which has been upon us these four years, and has brought so much suffering upon many of our citizens.

Voted to take a recess till 9 A. M. Monday.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Conference called to order by the temporary Moderator. A few minutes were spent in devotion.

On motion, voted, that the names of all Congregational and Union Churches in the State be placed on the roll of Conference simply as indicating the limits of our State work, and that a separate list of these be printed showing the counties in which they are located.

Voted to drop the names of Wahbeton and Chamberlain as having never been duly organized.

The Minutes of the Conference were read by the Assistant Scribe.

After prayer by Rev. J. W. Ray, with special reference to the plague of locusts, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

E. M. WILLIAMS, MODERATOR.
J. W. STRONG, TEMP. MODERATOR.
C. W. MERRILL, SCRIBE.
A. M. ALDEN, ASS'T SCRIBE.
C. A. HAMPTON, REC. SEC.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Society was called to order Oct. 14, 1876, at 9:15 A. M. President J. W. Strong in the chair.

Rev. Geo. A. Hood was chosen temporary Scribe. After prayer by Rev. E. M. Williams, it was voted that the Nominating and the Business Committees of the State Conference serve in the same capacity for this body.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Supt. L. H. Cobb presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (Appendix G.)

The reports of the Executive Committees of the Local Conferences were then presented by Rev. L. W. Chaney, of the Owatonna Conference, by Rev. J. W. Ray, of the Winona Conference, by Rev. H. A. Stimson, of the Anoka Conference, and accepted.

The District Conferences presented nominations for Executive Committees of the Local Conferences, as follows:

*Anoka Conference*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, A. J. Pike, E. M. Williams.
*Owatonna Conference*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, L. Loring, A. Morse.
*Northern Pacific Conference*—Revs. C. A. Conant, P. W. Howe, Geo. A. Hood.
*Western Conference*—Revs. H. C. Simmons, O. A. Starr, J. L. Fonda.
*Winona Conference*—Revs. J. W. Ray, H. Willard, W. W. Snell.
Revs. E. M. Williams and C. M. Terry were then elected Directors at large.

A report was then made by Rev. L. H. Cobb, as chairman of the committee appointed last year to confer with the committee of the Presbyteries, and accepted. It was then voted that this committee, Revs. L. H. Cobb, E. M. Williams and Mr. Chas. Clark be reappointed for future similar service.

It was voted that the following be appointed committees to organize fellowship meetings:

Revs. J. W. Ray, H. Willard, J. D. Todd, River Division; Revs. W. W. Snell, C. W. Merrill, I. F. Tobey, Southern; Revs. D. L. Leonard, C. A. Rudduck, C. E. Wright, Central; Revs. L. W. Chaney, L. Loring, R. S. Armstrong, Winona & St. Peter R. R.; Revs. Wm. Gill, F. McCraken, A. J. Drake, Winona & St. Peter R. R. (Eastern); Revs. H. C. Simmons, O. P. Champlin, P. Peregrine, Western; Revs. Geo. A. Hood. F. N. Walcott, J. L. Fonda, North-Western; Revs. C. A. Conant, P. W. Howe, L. Kribs, Northern; the St. Paul and Minneapolis Ministers, the Middle Division, and Revs. A. D. Roe and W. M. Weld the Eastern Division.

Recess till 2 P. M.

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The Society was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. A. Hampton was chosen temporary Scribe in the absence of Rev. Geo. A. Hood.

On the recommendation of the Board of Directors it was voted that the 6th Article of the Constitution be so amended that the last sentence may read as follows: "Each of the Executive Committees, or, in their behalf, the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make a written report to the Society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every Church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field."

The following report of contributions from the Woman's Cent Society was presented and accepted:

| | |
|---|---|
| From Afton | $ 5 00 |
| " Clearwater | 10 00 |
| " Cottage Grove | 10 67 |
| " Hamilton | 9 00 |
| " Faribault | 5 10 |
| " Minneapolis, (Plymouth,) | 64 00 |
| " Lake City | 14 50 |
| " Plainview | 8 50 |
| " Spring Valley | 3 85 |
| " Worthington | 7 50 |
| " Zumbrota | 16 00 |
| Total, | $154 12 |

After a closing prayer by Dr. A. H. Clapp, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. A. HOOD, Scribe.

J. W. STRONG, Moderator.

# APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX A.

### COMMITTEES.

*On Place and Preacher*—Revs. J. N. Powell, L. Loring, and Wm. A. Lyon.

*On Reception of Churches*—Revs. R. Hall, W. W. Snell, and Mr. Frederick King.

*Business Committee*—Revs. D. L. Leonard, Wm. Gill, and E. S. Williams.

*Finance and Printing*—Revs. E. M. Williams, C. M. Terry, and I. F. Tobey.

*On Resolutions*—Revs. G. A. Hood, N. C. Chapin, and F. L. Fuller.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, William Gill, and A. M. Alden.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. C. E. Wright, J. N. Powell, F. McCracken, L. Loring, and Mr. L. L. Wheelock.

*On Revivals*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, C. W. Merrill, and C. A. Ruddock.

*On Arrangements*—Minister of Church in Faribault, Prof. J. L. Noyes, Rev. J. N. Powell, Deacon D. M. Evans.

# APPENDIX B.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Minnesota General Conference, in acc't. with C. A. Hampton, Treasurer.*

| 1875. | | *Dr.* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 30. | To bill of | Ramaley & Cunningham | $ 2 10 |
| Oct. 11. | " | Young & Winn | 2 50 |
| " | " | Tribune Co., | 1 25 |
| Dec. 9. | " | R. Hall, Statistical Secretary | 3 55 |
| 1876. | | | |
| Jan. 21. | " | Tribune Co., 1500 "Minutes," | 148 50 |
| " | " | " 100 postal cards | 2 25 |
| " | " | " packing, &c. | 2 40 |
| Oct. 12. | " | American Express Co., to date | 5 75 |
| " | " | U. S. " " | 1 00 |
| Aug. 14. | " | Geo. Cobb, circulars, | 3 50 |
| | " | Balance | 4 25 |
| | | | $177 05 |

| | | *Cr.* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1875. | | | | |
| Dec. 4. | By cash on note of | Gale & Co., | $ 69 18 | |
| " | " | Interest " | 1 38 | |
| | " | Advertising in minutes | 5 00 | |
| 1876. | | | | |
| Oct. 12. | " | Assessment on Churches. | 101 49 | |
| | | | | $177 05 |
| Oct. 12. | " | Balance. | | $ 4 25 |

Audited and found correct, with vouchers for all payments except small items of postage and expressage.

HARLAN W. PAGE, Auditor.

# APPENDIX C.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

*The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society in Account with S. H. Barteau, Treasurer, pro tem.:*

### CASH ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1875. | *Dr.* | |
| Oct. 16th. | To collections at Minneapolis | $ 37 00 |
| 1876. | | |
| Jan. 18th. | " Interest of W. B. Dada | $ 12 00 |
| April. | " Bank of Austin in full | 274 55 |
| May 1st. | " Bank of Northfield in full, including note of Gunderson | 183 90 |
| Jan. 12th. | " Received for note of Dada | 103 00 |
| | " Cash, from last year | 3 37 |
| | | $613 82 |
| 1875. | *Cr.* | |
| Dec. 22d. | Pay to Mrs. Bigelow, (Voucher No. 9) | 40 00 |
| 1876. | | |
| May 4th. | Loan to P. M. Green (secured by mortgage) | 572 00 |
| | Record of mortgage | 1 25 |
| | Postage to date | 36 |
| | Cash on hand | 21 |
| | | $613 82 |

Audited and found correct.

HARLAN W. PAGE, *Auditor.*

# APPENDIX D.

## REPORT TREAS. MINN. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Wm. Cheney, Treas. Minn. Home Missionary Society, in acc't. with American Home Missionary Society.*

*Dr.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1875. | | | |
| Oct. 1. | To cash of | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | $ 5 59 |
| " 16. | " | Woman's Cent Society | 107 28 |
| Nov. 15. | " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 11 00 |
| " 27. | " | " " | 16 92 |
| Dec. 14. | " | First Congregational Church, Zumbrota | 36 00 |
| 1876. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 24 34 |
| Feb. 1. | " | " " | 22 45 |
| " 2. | " | Congregational Church, Excelsior | 5 00 |
| " 13. | " | " Anoka | 13 00 |
| " 28. | " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 14 74 |
| Mar. 28. | " | " " | 12 36 |
| May 4. | " | " " | 29 84 |
| " 30. | " | " " | 7 97 |
| June 15. | " | Woman's Cent Society | 11 00 |
| " 23. | " | Congregational Church, Excelsior | 14 00 |
| " 26. | " | Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 9 87 |
| Aug. 26. | " | Congregational Union Church, Austin | 63 77 |
| | | | $405 13 |

*Cr.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1875. | | | |
| Oct. 27. | By draft sent | Treasurer A. H. Mission Society | $112 87 |
| Nov. 27. | " | " " " | 11 00 |
| Dec. 30. | " | " " " | 52 92 |
| 1876. | | | |
| Jan. 27. | " | " " " | 24 34 |
| Feb. 26. | " | " " " | 40 45 |
| Mar. 25. | " | " " " | 14 74 |
| April 28. | " | " " " | 12 36 |
| May 27. | " | " " " | 29 84 |
| June 26. | " | " " " | 32 97 |
| July 28. | " | " " " | 9 87 |
| Aug. 31. | " | " " " | 63 77 |
| | | | $405 13 |

I have examined the above account, and find vouchers covering each item therein, and do audit the same as correct.

R. J. BALDWIN, Auditor.

Minneapolis, Oct. 10th, 1876.

Receipts of the American Home Missionary Society from Minnesota, for the year ending August 31st, 1876, $1,745.26.

# APPENDIX E.

## SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The interest in the subject of giving, and the difficulties connected with securing a support for the good causes in which our churches are engaged, gives a special value to the following report, which was presented to the State Conference of Minnesota. It is a strong presentation of facts connected both with general benevolence and the financial management of the churches:

We have responses to our circular from fifty-one of the one hundred and eleven churches in the Conference. Last year the following churches had adopted the Conference plan of systematic beneficence in whole or in part: Austin, Clearwater, Cottage Grove, Duluth, Excelsior, Faribault, Lake City, Minneapolis Plymouth and Second, Northfield, Rushford, Sauk Center, Waseca and Winona. We have pleasure in reporting that to these this year must be added Albert Lea, Fergus Falls, Hamilton, Minneapolis First, Montevideo, Rose Creek and Sleepy Eye—a larger number than in any year since that in which the plan was adopted. When it is remembered that, even among the churches reporting, about one-half have no method of beneficence of any kind, the importance of this fact will be appreciated. Of the fifty churches not reporting, a reference to the figures of the Statistical Secretary of Conference will show that few give at all.

There is cause for thanksgiving in the fact that, despite the hard times and the grasshoppers, the aggregate of contributions does not fall materially below that of last year, being $7,500. The stronger churches have not, as a rule, given as much as heretofore, with the notable exception of Northfield, which reports a handsome advance; but the smaller churches have made up the deficiency. This would seem to indicate that giving as a part of worship is gaining a more general hold upon the hearts of the people. Possibly the farming communities, as a class, have not felt the hardness of the times as much as the towns have, but even in those districts where the ravages of the grasshoppers have been most grievous, we have churches like Worthington and Sleepy Eye doubling their contributions. Should the present indications of returning prosperity be sustained, we have every reason for looking for much larger offerings next year.

Again, we must call attention to the fact that whenever a church changes its pastor, or is without one, there is for a time a marked falling off in its beneficence. It is often unavoidably the case that at first the responsibility for the contributions of the church must rest upon the pastor, but that it continues to do so would indicate that he has failed properly to stimulate and instruct his people, and that they are losing a large part of the benefit of their giving. The sticking

point is not reached until they are shown that the promises are true, and that giving to the Lord pays. A new pastor has need to inform himself quickly as to what his people have done and can do, that he may both forward his own work and secure the work of his predecessor from being undone.

We are more and more satisfied that the scant contributions of a church are rather a measure of the weak faith and slow intelligence of the pastor than of the want of generosity in the people. Many a minister is giving of his own means constantly and largely, while he comforts himself with the thought that he thus supplements his people's parsimony, when they would be just as ready to give as he is, if they were as well informed. The pastor who saws the wood, builds the fire, sweeps the rooms, fills the lamps, and rings the bell of his church, deprives his people of the opportunity of doing these things for the Lord no more effectually than does he who fulfills the obligation of his church to make a contribution by sending ten dollars from his scanty salary to the Home Missionary Society, rather than ask his people for a collection. Let him have the pleasure and privilege of giving all he can, but he owes it to them that they should have the same opportunity and be taught to know its worth. Even ministers need to be reminded that in the eyes of her Lord, the poor widow with the two mites gave more than they all. In some of our churches that widow could find no place or time for her gift. And the widows now, as then, need often to be told what the Lord thinks of their mites.

But it will be sometimes asked, of what use is it to offer a contribution-box to men who rarely have a penny in their pockets? Let us make Scriptural answer: There was special occasion for Jehoiada, the priest, to take a chest and bore a hole in the lid, and "set it beside the altar on the right side as one cometh into the house of the Lord;" but this did not supersede the offerings of the tithes, and the first fruits of the herds and the fields, as the Lord had commanded. We have need to revert to the ancient command. That it can be successfully obeyed, is certified by the report of one of our newest and smallest churches on the outermost frontier. The pastor says: *I have tried to unfold a simple plan to help our poor people when they have little or no money. It is simply to dedicate something to God. One man gives two or three rows of corn; another plants an extra half acre of wheat. He gives the seed, use of land and work, and God gives the increase. Another gives a calf, or sheep, and takes care of it for God; all it produces and its price when sold are for him; another a hive of bees; another, butter from one cow; another, a colt; another, a bed of vegetables; a child, a hen; each plants a little extra for God and gives a little honest toil.*

Brethren, the means of doing something in the Lord's vineyard are not so hard to find when there is some purpose about it. We need all to pray for the spirit given to Bezaleel, the son of Uri, who was "filled with wisdom to devise cunning work in silver and gold, and in all manner of workmanship. When it is remembered that Bezaleel's possession of this spirit was the sole qualification for leadership in the work of the Lord, you will see how unworthy is the position of the pastor who regards himself as above these things, or does not know that he has a duty with reference to them.

In the matter of providing for the pastor's salary and other church expenses, the usual shiftlessness still to a large extent prevails. One pastor cheerfully says a continual dropping wears away a stone; but this stone is a sort of a fire-hardened granite that crops up in every field of church life, and is not perceptibly worn by the gentle forces of nature or of grace. The pathos of sentences like these will be felt by all. One report says: "It is of no use; we have been eaten out by grasshoppers four years in succession." Another says: "In behalf of the little churches with which I labor, I desire to certify, that up to their means and beyond their means, they have exerted themselves to sustain the institutions of the gospel. The pastor's salary this year is mostly paid in manual labor on a little house he is trying to build, and in food for his table." The best of systems may not be able to get water from wells in which there is none, but what is to be said of those churches whose pastors report that everything they receive, whether from donation visits or otherwise, is counted on the salary; and then, as in several cases, the incidental expenses of the church, as oil, fuel, &c., are paid for by the pastor, without corresponding credit.

But two churches rent their pews, and these with only tolerable satisfaction financially. The remainder raise their money by some form of subscription. We gather from the reports that this method, which is almost universal with us, and seems to be the only one practicable, is satisfactory only when the subscriptions are for a definite amount to be paid at a specified time; when the aggregate amount of the pledges is enough to meet all the expenses of the church; and when they are paid promptly. As to the first point, the people need to be taught that the obligations of the church have all the force that a business obligation has. Their subscription is in no sense benevolence or charity; it is but their proper share of the expense of operating an organization of which they all get the immediate benefit, and for which they are charged of God with the responsibility. The fact that it is the church increases and does not lessen the strictness of the obligation.

As to the total amount pledged, if it was understood that the churches would do as a business firm does when its assets are less than its obligations,—stop,—we could at least teach the lesson of common honesty, without which the most luminant religion is not worth much. As a fact, but few churches would be so constrained; the knowledge that such a decision was made and would be carried out, is all that is necessary in most cases to lift the church out of the slough. People are most apt to value what they pay for, and they certainly will despise any blessing for which they pretend to pay and do not.

As to the prompt payment of subscriptions, one report says: "Our method would be satisfactory if the collector would attend to his business." Another states a plan by which this end is secured. "We place the subscriptions in the hands of a banker, and pay him five per cent. for collecting them. This has secured the largest amount in the promptest manner of any method we have tried." Where a christian man cannot be found to do this work with equal efficiency, gratuitously, for the sake of the church, this method is most excellent.

The effect of the formal and prompt demands of the bank must be healthful to the subscriber's sense of responsibility.

Your committee have done what they could to gather up the experience of the churches, and they commend the results to the Conference, with the suggestion that even the hewing of wood and drawing of water for the Lord's service are not small things, if the way in which they are done is found, as in this matter of benevolence and finance, to affect the entire life of the church. Brethren, if we must make haste slowly, there is pressing need that at least in these things, we make haste.

H. A. STIMSON,
H. W. PAGE,
E. H. ALDEN. } Committee.

# APPENDIX F.

## OUR PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

TO MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES:

At the annual meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota, held at Lake City, October 10th, 1872, the following plan was adopted and recommended to the churches for their benevolent contributions for the ensuing year:

The plan is based upon two general principles, viz:

1st. Christian giving is an act of worship; honoring the Lord with our substance.

2d. All christian giving should be systematic, thoughtful and intelligent.

These principles are believed to be essential to all acceptable offering of our gifts to God; and it is because we feel that they have not been sufficiently recognized in our former methods, that the present plan is presented. This plan proposes a collection *every Sabbath morning;* the amount contributed ordinarily to be divided *pro rata* among the following causes, on the basis of their needs for the ensuing year:

FOR GENERAL CHRISTIAN WORK, IN WHICH ALL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES UNITE.

| | |
|---|---|
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, including missions to nominally christian countries, ($100,000) | $600,000 |
| Home Missionary Society | 500,000 |
| American Missionary Association | 500,000 |
| Congregational Union (Church Erection) | 250,000 |
| Ministerial Education | 100,000 |
| Congregational Publishing Society | 50,000 |
| | $2,000,000 |

On certain Sabbaths, however, the contributions will not be so appropriated, but will be devoted to the following

LOCAL OBJECTS.

To THE POOR—The offering at Communion in . . . . . .
To THE SABBATH SCHOOL—The offering of . . . . . .
To CARLETON COLLEGE— . . . . . .
To THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

[*The above spaces to be filled in with such dates as the individual Churches may determine for these special offerings; and such other local objects to be added as the Churches may desire.*]

After deducting the twelve Sabbaths set apart for local objects as above, there will remain forty Sabbaths on which offerings will be made for the general work of the church, and apportioned as above stated; it being always remembered (and special attention is called to this feature) that any contribution may be appropriated to *any* special object by attaching to it a slip of paper indicating the wish of the giver; and it is hoped that the utmost freedom will be exercised in this respect. No personal solicitation is to be used; and every one is free to give *as much or as little as he feels able;* only the Lord and the giver will know how much it is.

The following table will illustrate the working of the plan. By examining it any one can see how to adjust his weekly gifts, in order to make, in the aggregate, any given annual sum; and also how that annual sum will be apportioned if not specially designated :

| Weekly Contributions for 40 Sabbaths. | Annual Aggregate. | Foreign Miss'ns | Home Missions. | American Miss. Association. | Congregational Union. | Ministerial Education. | Publishing Society. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PROPORTIONS. | | 60/200 | 50/200 | 50/200 | 20/200 | 10/200 | 5/200 |
| $ 0 10 | $ 4 00 | $ 1 20 | $ 1 00 | $ 1 00 | $ 0 40 | $ 0 20 | $ 0 10 |
| 20 | 8 00 | 2 40 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 40 | 20 |
| 25 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 | 50 | 25 |
| 50 | 20 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | 50 |
| 1 00 | 40 00 | 12 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| 1 50 | 60 00 | 18 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 7 50 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| 2 00 | 80 00 | 24 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 50 | 100 00 | 30 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 12 50 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| 5 00 | 200 00 | 60 00 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| 10 00 | 400 00 | 120 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 50 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 |

The plan finds its method in the apostolic injunction, that upon the first day of the week every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Its success will depend wholly upon the spirit and thoroughness with which it is carried out. In the belief that the churches will enter upon it with spirit and support it with regularity, and that the results will surprise all, it is recommended.

The Deacons are the proper committee to receive the collections and apportion them among the different objects.

By recommendation of the Conference.

H. A. STIMSON,
EDWARD BROWN,
THEODORE FURBER,
} Committee of Conference.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1, 1872.

## APPENDIX G.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

The last academic year, which closed June 28, was one of evident progress. In its financial success, in its literary life, and in its spiritual atmosphere, the College manifestly enjoyed the Divine favor.

At the last Conference, as will be remembered, the plan of raising within the State an endowment of $20,000 for a chair of Physical Science, was discussed and an immediate canvass urged. Accordingly the effort was made, and in spite of local difficulties, and a general financial depression,—to the honor of our Churches let it be recorded,—by the first of January the whole amount was subscribed. In these pledges, the different cities of the State were represented as follows: Rochester, $25; St. Charles, $150; Lake City, $200; Faribault, $200; Red Wing, $275; Owatonna, $450; Albert Lea, $600; Mankato, $675; St. Paul $1,075; Austin, $1,175; Winona, $1,180; Excelsior, $2,000; Minneapolis, $4,025; Northfield, $7,760; other places, $689.81;—total, $20,469.81. Of this amount about $8,000 have already been paid in, and the remainder is mainly in interest-bearing notes, esteemed perfectly good.

The chair has been filled by the election of L. B. Sperry, M. D., who entered upon the duties of his professorship on the first of January last. A convenient laboratory has been arranged, and practical work in that department begun.

The total additions to our endowment fund during the year, in cash and in pledges, were $24,351.10. This is very gratifying progress,—still the income from our endowment is not sufficient for our work; and we have to depend, more than is desirable, upon the continued donations of friends. Some Eastern gifts deserve special mention. S. N. Stockwell, Esq., of Boston, has given $500 as a Library Fund, the income of which is to be spent in the purchase of books. An Eastern gentleman has given $200 as the beginning of a fund in aid of Christian young ladies studying at the College. Chas. Boswell, Esq., of West Hartford, Ct., has given $5,000 toward a Scholarship Fund, the income of which, after the principal and interest shall amount to $10,000, is to be used, upon certain conditions, in aid of students. Some fourteen hundred dollars has been received from private friends at the East, to aid especially, students for the ministry and the sons and daughters of home missionaries. Robert Crane, M. D., of New Haven, Ct., has without condition donated to the College, real estate in St. Peter, Minn., valued at $4,000. Valuable donations have been made to the library and to the cabinet by several interested friends, and recently more than a thousand dollars worth of philosophical apparatus has been purchased.

During the last year there were in the various departments, 256 different students, a gain of 18 per cent. over any preceding year. Of these, 94 were ladies and 162 gentlemen. Twenty-one studied French, 14 studied German, 114 studied Latin, 48 studied Greek and 70 were in the Musical Department. They have been drawn from seven different States, and those from Minnesota have represented thirty-one counties. Among them have been found members of thirteen nationalities, and nine religious denominations. Thirteen teachers have been employed, though four of these have given only a part of their time to the College. The courses of study have been carefully revised and enlarged, and are now as follows:

1. The Classical Course, which embraces the usual college curriculum, and requires three years of preparatory work.

2. The Literary Course, which occupies the same time as the Classical, and differs from it only in the substitution of literary and scientific studies for Greek.

3. The Scientific Course, which omits the Greek and six terms of Latin, gives greater prominence to the study of the sciences, and, after two years of preparation, continues four years.

4. The English Course, which extends over four years, and is arranged for those unable to secure a classical education.

This arrangement of studies is proving quite satisfactory, and tends to increase the number of those who pursue some regular course.

During the whole year there has been a commendable earnestness in study, and a general regard for all college requirements. No general revival of religion has occurred, but some special interest has been developed, and there have been some hopeful conversions. The regular daily and weekly prayer meetings have been well sustained, showing a steady religious life.

It is ten years this very day, (Oct. 13th,) since this Conference elected the first Board of Trustees of the College, and they effected a preliminary organization.

To build up a Christian College in this frontier State, was felt to be a very difficult, though a most necessary work. It was begun in prayer and in faith, and the Divine blessing has ever attended it. Such prosperity has been granted to no similar enterprise in the whole Northwest. Although we are but at the beginning of our work, a glance at what has already been accomplished in these ten years, should fill us with profound gratitude to God, and encourage us to labor and expect still greater things in the future.

Those who are charged with its immediate management, earnestly desire the brethren of our Churches to remember that without their constant sympathy and prayerful co-operation, the College can never reach its high ideal as a Christian institution of learning. Upon that sympathy and co-operation they would confidently rely.

Respectfully submitted,

October 13th, 1876. JAS. W. STRONG.

# APPENDIX H.

## REPORT OF SUPT. OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Sixty missionaries, fifteen of them new men, have been employed by the A. H. M. S. in the State during the year. Eight men have confined their labors to one place; twenty-five men have occupied two places; fifteen, three places; seven, four places; three, five places; one, six places. Two have worked on fields where there was no Church organization. One hundred and fifty places have been regularly supplied with preaching a part or the whole of the year. Eighty-two of the one hundred and eight Congregational and Union Churches of the State have received Missionary aid.

### SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES.

Fifteen of our Churches have been self-supporting, viz: Anoka, Austin, Cottage Grove, Excelsior, Faribault, Lake City, Minneapolis,—First and Plymouth,—Northfield, Owatonna, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Winona, and Zumbrota. By yoking, Cannon Falls and Douglas, Plainview, Elgin, and Mazeppa have dispensed with Missionary aid. Sauk Rapids, by electing its pastor, now seventy-six years of age, Judge of Probate and County Superintendent of Schools, ekes out a salary which is not likely to corrupt the Judge nor make the minister indolent. Saratoga has paid $100 for what preaching it has had, which has been about one-half of the time. Two Churches, Cannon Falls and Douglas, have become independent of missionary aid, within the year.

### CHURCHES NOT WORKED.

Granville, Guilford and Mountain Lake, have had no regular supply from us this year, except that Guilford has worshipped part of the time with the Church at Austin. Glenwood was dropped March 1, only a few of the members being left on that field.

Chamberlain, I find has no real ecclesiastical existence, and never had. The missionary on the ground in September, 1874, called up seven persons, asked their assent to a creed and covenant which he read to them, and pronounced them a Church! That missionary has returned to England, leaving the country for the country's good!! Wahbeton, D. T., was organized (?) in the same way; but we hope to re-organize in a few weeks.

### CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

Eleven Churches, three Union and eight Congregational have been organized since last Conference: Round Grove, Renville county, November 12, 1875, thir-

teen members; Baldwin, (U.) Sherburne county, Feb. 20, 1876, twenty members; "Goshen," (Welsh,) in the town of Cambria, Blue Earth county, April 30, nine members; Underwood, Lyon county, May 16, seven members; Gilmanton, (U.) Benton county, May 28, ten members; Union Grove, Meeker county, May 30, eight members; St. Olaff, Ottertail county, June 18, twenty-seven members; Maine, Ottertail county. June 22, thirty-three members; Scambler, (U.) Ottertail county, June 23, twenty-four members; Lamberton, Redwood county, July 26, twenty-three members; Burns, Brown County, July 27, 9 members. *Benson has taken all the preliminary steps toward organization, and calls a council for the 19th inst.

## LICENSED TO PREACH.

Two brethren have been licensed to preach: Geo. R. Milton, January 12th, at St. Cloud; Frank N. Walcott, January, 20th, at Monticello.

## ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

Five brethren have been ordained: Francis McCraken, December 3d, 1875, at Dodge Center; Geo. R. Milton, January 26th, at St. Cloud; David Jenkins, January 19th, at Monticello; Wilbur Fisk, June 13th, at Freeborn, ordained and installed; Adam Simpson, August 1st, at Fairmont. Three others have been installed; D. W. Rosencrans, November 13th, 1875, at Little Falls; H. L. Fuller, June 1st, at Hamilton, and O. P. Champlin, July 26th, at Sleepy Eye.

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Five churches have dedicated houses of worship: Little Falls, Nov. 13th, 1875; Alexandria, Nov. 18th, 1875; Albert Lea, Dec. 8th, 1875. Winnebago Agency and Benson have houses completed, and will dedicate within the present month. Fairmount has also a Church enterprise in progress. Brainerd, Glencoe, Medford, Mazeppa, Minneapolis,—Second and Pilgrim,—Monticello and Waseca have expended various sums in repairing and enlarging, or building houses of worship. Mantorville has purchased and paid for a house of worship formerly owned by the Methodists in that place. St. Charles has purchased the Presbyterian house of worship and received nearly all the members of the Presbyterian Church in that place, thus furnishing a very pleasant example of "Denominational Comity." The Union is complete, and an honor to both Churches.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

During last autumn and winter, one hundred and twenty-four fellowship services, were held in forty-nine churches, several of which report more or less religious awakening as the result of the meetings. I would most earnestly recommend that the brethren, in various parts of the State, organize at once, one or more series of these services, at which strenuous efforts shall be made to gather neighboring churches, that a more determined spirit of conquest, and unity of effort may

*Benson was organized Oct. 19th, with ten members, and dedicated a new house of worship.—Supt. A. H. M. S.]

be infused among them. The Superintendent will be glad to attend and aid in as many such meetings as possible.

### WORK DONE, AND RESULTS.

Since last conference I have traveled 14,678 miles, and held 177 services, each equivalent to a regular Sabbath service. I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the cordial co-operation of the pastors and churches in all parts of the State; and most heartily to congratulate the brethren in view of what the Lord has done by them. Six churches, Albert Lea, Blaenavon, Mantorville, Morris, Spring Valley and St. Charles, have more than doubled their membership this year. Ten of the missionary churches report no additions by profession; six none, by profession or letter.

### BENEVOLENCE.

Despite locusts, drouth and "hard times," $1,745.56, which is $431.96 more than last year, have been contributed to the work of the A. H. M. S. I beg leave, nevertheless, to call attention to the very small sums collected for the A. C. U. and the A. H. M. S. Without wishing to disturb the working of the excellent system of beneficence we have, I cannot forbear suggesting whether at least, one thorough canvass of every parish, such as shall reach every man, woman and child, could not, and ought not to be made for the A. H. M. S., the society to which every Congregational Church in the State, but one, owes its origin, and much of its life. Only a few of our people give anything. This is the reason why there are such debts on so many of our Benevolent Treasuries. Every church member, at least, ought to give something, to spread the gospel; every child ought to. How else are we to have the more bounteous giving, which the next generation will call for? After the Holy Spirit, there is nothing the children of God need more than awakening on the matter of giving as an essential part of religion.

## FIELD NOTES.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

AFTON and LAKELAND, having been faithfully served by Rev. Nelson Clark, to Nov. 15th, 1875, waited and candidated till May 1st, and then re-elected their former missionary, Rev. A. D. Roe, whose past record assures the future. Reports to date give three additions to the church by letter.

ALEXANDRIA rejoices in one of the cheapest and neatest new houses of worship on the field, dedicated free of debt November 18th, 1875. It also rejoices in the continued labors of Bro. Norton, now on his fourth year on that field. No additions reported this year.

BALDWIN and PRINCETON, having been without a supply since October 1st, except occasionally, February 1st, 1876, came under the faithful care of Rev. C. C. Breed, of East Paw Paw, Ills. Finding the work in a discouraged condition, he has held the ground well. Baldwin, ten miles southwest from Princeton, was organized as a Union Church, Feb. 20th. It is a hopeful field.

BELLE PRAIRIE and LITTLE FALLS wisely retain Bro. Rosencrans, who covers the field like an army of occupation, with pastoral visits and practical preaching. Little Falls greatly enjoys its new house, dedicated Nov. 13th, 1875.

CLEARWATER has been faithfully served by Bro. Stearns until August 1st, ult., when he resigned, to complete and publish a volume on Baptism. What the church loses the literature of the church gains. They are waiting for a pastor.

COLLINS AND ROUND GROVE are still served by Bro. Kellogg. At present, and since July 1st, these churches are receiving no missionary aid, the farm and school of Bro. and Mrs. Kellogg taking the place of outside assistance. Round Grove promises well for a church organized so recently—Nov. 12, 1875.

ELK RIVER, which was supplied by the Sabbath the first part of the year, April 20th, called Rev. J. F. Guyton, of Chebanse, Ill. An illness of several weeks laid him aside in the early autumn. He is now at his work again. A new house of worship is contemplated, and the out-look is hopeful.

GLENCOE and HUTCHINSON have had two years of excellent service from Rev. A. Graves, who closed his work Oct. 1, and goes south for a milder climate. His people and his brethren in the State deeply regret his loss. Rev. J. Chandler, of West Brattleboro, Vt., is called to fill the vacancy, and begins work October 22d inst.

GLENWOOD, already reported as dropped, could hardly furnish inducement for the Society to continue Bro. Lathrop beyond his ninth year, for reasons already stated. Besides, Bro. L. found his time largely occupied in the care of his farm, town property and county work.

MARINE MILLS not only retains Bro. Weld, but adds $50 to its contribution to his support. Seven have been added to the church, as the statistical report shows. The year has put a new face upon the work in that church.

MINNEAPOLIS SECOND still rejoices in the earnest work of Bro. E. S. Williams, under whom the congregation has more than doubled, and the church nearly so, having added 24 by profession and 12 by letter. The house has been veneered with brick, and is one of the neatest structures in the city.

PILGRIM, MINNEAPOLIS, not only holds Bro. Hampton, but has called him as pastor. Illness compelled him to take a three months vacation, from which he has returned to vigorous work, which has been rewarded by eleven valuable additions recently, besides several previous. The outlook of the church was never more hopeful.

MONTICELLO, one year ago, was one of the most thoroughly discouraged Churches in the State. To-day, it is one of the most hopeful and prosperous.

November 15th, 1875, a Fellowship meeting was held, at which time Bro. Jenkins began work there. He has now by far the largest congregation in the place. and the esteem of the people. Eight have been added to the Church, six on profession of faith.

PAYNESVILLE and UNION GROVE, since February 1st, have been under the care of Rev. T. R. Wilkinson, from Illinois. Though trained in another denomination, he has become closely identified with our work, prosecuting it with energy and success. He supplies five points on the field, at one of which, Union Grove, Meeker County, a Church of eight members was organized, May 30th, of which the missionary is one. Paynesville had worshipped with the Methodists for a year so as to pay off a debt. The debt still remains. They found that debts are not paid by suspending business.

SAUK CENTER has Bro. Pike, now on his ninth year, which is proof sufficient of ability and fidelity. Bro. Pike holds bi-monthly services at Melrose in the P. M.

TWO RIVERS is the center of a large field, still in the care of Bro. Kinne. Results have not been all the missionary has wished. He writes hopefully.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

AUDUBON, DETROIT and WADENA have been under care of Bro. Fay. The people have been in straitened circumstances, unable to pay much to support the missionary. In common with other N. P. R. R. towns, depletion makes havoc with Church work. Bro. Fay closes his work there Dec. 1st.

BRAINERD and DULUTH, having with deep regret dismissed Bro. Salter, May 1st, with great unanimity and cordiality, called Rev. C. A. Conant, of Amherst, Mass., and he has accepted, and began work September 1st. A parish 115 miles long is rather extended; but the N. P. R. R. very generously makes it very short so far as "fare" is concerned. These Churches stand up nobly against discouragement from emigration. We shall look for a good report at the end of the year.

FERGUS FALLS, a place in Otter Tail County, of which *it* was the center and the circumference nowhere, has held Bro. Hood four years. He is now on the fifth. He has had an eye on the whole country, seeing more than any one man could do. In January, Bro. Walcott was sent to occupy Maine and St. Olaff, and subsequently, Scambler. The Lord has greatly blest the work, and given us a Church in each of these places. Fergus holds on its way unitedly.

MAINE and ST. OLAFF are now in the care of Rev. T. A. Mills, from Shreveport, N. Y.

SCAMBLER has called Rev. Nelson Young, and rejoices to have a pastor so soon to take the place of Bro. Walcott, whom they gave up only because the Lord called him to Breckenridge.

GLYNDON, having been obliged to allow Rev. G. Rodgers to leave for other work, January 1, called Rev. P. W. Howe from Leech Lake. He has proved a most

genial and earnest worker, covering a large field as far north as Crookstone, 65 miles. Everything wears a hopeful aspect.

HAWLEY and PARK rejoice in the faithful labor of "Father Kribs." Reports from both these churches are encouraging.

MUSKODA is nearly extinct. Bro. Howe has done what he could for them. Joel i. 4, is suggested by their history.

BRECKENRIDGE lies within the limits of this Conference as a station without church organization. Rev. J. S. Webber was on this field till January 14, when he left for England. Bro. F. N. Walcott took the field September 1, and has the material for a church gathered, and a general interest secured in the entire community.

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ALBERT LEA has been faithfully served fourteen months by Bro. Alden. During the winter a very cheering awakening resulted in more than doubling the membership, and strengthening the faith of the church. To our great regret, Bro. Alden has been called to other work. His place will be filled as soon as the right man is found.

BELGRADE and PROVIDENCE, under the care of Rev. D. D. Jones to May 1, in connection with Butternut Valley and "Goshen," (Cambria,) have been made a field by themselves, in connection with one other point, Nicollet, in Nicollet county, and Rev. D. B. Eells, of Sabula, Iowa, has been commissioned to labor. As before arranged, the field, 25 miles long, was too large for effective working. The new arrangement opens well.

BROWNSDALE and LANSING were yoked to March 1st, under Bro. Tobey, and the yoking will doubtless be resumed during the summer. The people at Lansing worshipped with the Baptists and Methodists, and Bro. Tobey took Waltham in connection with Brownsdale. Our Church leads all others there, and ought to be the only one sustained. Here is a field for comity.

BUTTERNUT VALLEY, SALEM, GOSHEN and SOUTH BEND have united on Rev. T. G. Jones, from Coal Valley, Ills. He is to preach in Welsh and English, mostly in Welsh. Goshen was organized in April out of members of the Butternut Valley Church, the distance being too great to allow the members at Cambria to meet with the Church at Butternut Valley. South Bend has had Bro. Chaney for more than a year, and probably will wish to retain him for English service.

CANNON CITY and EAST PRAIRIEVILLE have been under the charge of Rev. A. R. Mitchell, of Denmark, Ia. Bro. Dickerson, of Owatonna, assisted in special meetings held in the winter, which resulted in several hopeful conversions. A few have been added to the Churches. Bro. Mitchell closed his work Aug. 1st. The field is now vacant.

CHAIN LAKE CENTER, FAIRMOUNT and WESTFORD, in Martin county, were served by Bro. Raymond till April 1st. May 21st, Mr. Adam Simpson, from the Chicago Theological Seminary, took the field, has won the confidence and

esteem of the people, was ordained August 1st, and has inaugurated the work of building a much needed house of worship. He is equally in earnest to build spiritually.

CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER have been well served by Bro. McCraken. Some interest existed in the winter, the results of which were not as large as hoped. Claremont is moving in the matter of building a house, and Dodge Center will need to do the same. It is not convenient for two Churches to "*own*" one house of worship.

FREEBORN and HARTLAND have been most faithfully and acceptedly served by Rev. W. Fisk, whom they very wisely ordained and installed June 13th. We wish more of our Churches would settle their ministers. Annual changes are a great waste of time and money. Bro. Fisk has taken on Berlin, in Steele county, in response to an urgent call for the Gospel.

MANKATO is still thoroughly worked by Bro. Chaney, who reports the fruits of the revival of the preceeding year as having furnished good material with few exceptions. The debt on the Church has been reduced and the outlook made hopeful.

MANTORVILLE has been thoroughly alive and heartily at work under Bro. Gill. That Church now holds the field without a sectarian rival. It has reached out to Milton, north, and received several members from there. More rapid growth and speedy self-support are in the eye of pastor and people. The Church has doubled this year.

MEDFORD has had a good year under the lead of Bro. Powell. Spiritual gain is manifest in the Church, and several conversions have crowned and cheered the faith and prayers of pastor and people.

NEVADA and ROSE CREEK, the latter regularly, still hold on their way under Bro. Morse. Special meetings were held in the winter, in which Bro. Morse was assisted by Bros. Wright, of Austin, and Dickerson, of Owatonna. The missionary always reports hopefully.

STERLING has been in care of Bro. Johnson, formerly of Paynesville. At my visit in May, the outlook and retrospect were good. The missionary had an outlying point near Mapleton Station, which gave some promise. He is engaged for the second year.

WASECA rejoices to be able to retain Bro. Loring, notwithstanding the struggle to raise the salary, occasioned by the recent multiplication of churches in that place. The year has been a good one, nevertheless. The missionary, with the aid of "Father Shedd," has held regular service at South Woodville. One or two other points receive more or less attention. With the return of business prosperity, this will soon be a self-supporting church.

WINNEBAGO AGENCY and JANESVILLE, May 1, called back Bro. Armstrong from the Presbyterian fold into which he had strayed, enlarging by one-half the field occupied by Bro. Bruce, who left in March for work in Iowa. W. A. has built a house of worship, which is to be dedicated November 2. Janesville is a

new point, worked up by Bro. Armstrong. Work in both places goes on well.

WORTHINGTON, in spite of dearth, locusts, and too many churches, still lives and grows, under the lead of Bro. Tuttle. But for these drawbacks, this church would have been off our list. The work done is all we could ask in quantity or quality.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

BURNS and SLEEPY EYE have installed Bro. Champlin pastor. Sleepy Eye has added fifty per cent. to its membership, and Burns has organized a church of nine members. This shows their warm appreciation of the missionary and their own zeal for the Lord.

GRANITE FALLS, after taking seven months to pay off Bro. Todd, April 23, called Bro. Raymond from Martin county. Reports from his field and work are encouraging.

HANCOCK and MORRIS still hold Bro. Fonda. Morris has doubled its membership. Hancock has lost by emigration till only two resident members are left. The congregations at both points are excellent. Morris has nearly or just doubled in population the last year.

LAC QUI PARLE and MONTEVIDEO, with two out-stations, Sparta and Baxter, succeed in holding Bro. Stall, notwithstanding his resignation at the close of his year, April 15. The people paid slowly, and his work was more than one man can well endure. He has worked with great fidelity, and all the success the field would warrant.

LAMBERTON and WALNUT STATION have done themselves the credit to call Bro. Moses to the place where a prophet has no honor. The former, February 13, effected a preliminary organization of a church, which was recognized as before mentioned. A neat school house is to take the place of the depot for a place of worship. It is the only instance in which we have organized a church literally on a railroad. We hope it will never get off the track. Walnut Station has been eaten out again by grasshoppers. Bro. Moses still "holds the fort" for another year.

MARSHALL and UNDERWOOD settled the question of supply for the present by installing Bro. Simmons pastor, more than a year ago. He has a wide range of territory, with Marshall for a center. A new church has sprung up on his field at Underwood, twelve miles out, during the year. Besides the home work, he has an eye to all Lincoln county. The year at Marshall, nevertheless, has been a good one.

MARSHFIELD and LAKE BENTON, having no settled missionary, gave a hearty welcome to Mr. W. C. Dewey, during his vacation from Chicago Theological Seminary, and he did excellent work. We hope to secure him at the close of his course. The church at Marshfield has suffered from locust ravages, so as to make

the permanent support of a missionary difficult. Lake Benton has not yet organized.

SHETEK, UNION and BETHEL have been served faithfully and successfully, this year, by Bro. Peregrine. Bethel has been greatly enlarged and strengthened since last Conference, mostly by the addition of *young* converts. Both fields "have suffered the loss of all things" from locusts. Less courageous men would yield in the struggle. Some are so destitute as not to be able to attend church. They have hardly the necessaries of life. They are to be helped.

## WINONA CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON, having tried Bro. Fuller fourteen months, June 1, installed him missionary pastor. This shows their estimate of him, and the Statistical Report shows something of results of labor.

LENORA had Bro. Mitchell part of the year. No report for some months. It yokes with Burr Oak, Iowa.

QUINCY and ST. CHARLES have prospered under Bro. Drake, especially St. Charles. Quincy is suffering from emigration. St. Charles is reported elsewhere, and will soon be off our H. M. list.

RUSHFORD and Bro. Snell are one by nearly twenty-one years experience in work for the Master. It has been a year of sickness in Bro. Snell's family, he himself taking his full share. Blessings abide on pastor and people, nevertheless.

SPRING VALLEY has had a year of great joy and blessing, under Bro. Merrill. A doubled membership, crowded house, and sustained religious interest are the kind of items we love to report.

WABASHA gave up Bro. Wicks, on account of health, and, January 1, called Bro. Todd, of Granite Falls. If an earnest, determined purpose to secure the largest and best kind of prosperity is a pledge of success, the record of the year will be refreshing. River towns, however, are not the easiest to work. But nothing is too hard for the Lord.

## FROM THE BEGINNING.

It seems fitting, in this centennial year of our national life, and the first in the second semi-centennial of the A. H. M. S., to recur to some facts connected with home missionary work in this State. That work was begun in 1849, by Rev. E. D. Neill, at St. Paul, and Rev. J. C. Whitney, at Stillwater. The next year, Rev. C. Seccombe began work at St. Anthony, and Rev. R. Hall at Prescott, Wis., with Cottage Grove and what is now Lakeland and Afton, added to his charge in this State.

The entire record of home missionary work in this State reports: March 1, 1850, 2 missionaries for the preceding year; 1851, 4; 1852, 4; 1853, 6; 1854 8; 1855, 10; 1856, 14; 1857, 24; 1858, 33; 1859, 34; 1860, 41; 1861, 46; 1862, 45; 1863, 34; 1864, 38; 1865, 35; 1866, 35; 1867, 41; 1868, 40; 1869,

41; 1870, 41; 1871, 40; 1872, 43; 1873, 48; 1874, 49; 1875, 56; 1876, (March 1,) 60. Had these represented whole years of labor, it would have amounted to 872 which the A. H. M. S. has helped to furnish to this State, at a cost of not less than $317,558 in cash, beside boxes, barrels and special donations. This expenditure has made other aid necessary. If a missionary is sent to preach, he must have a place to preach in. The A. C. U., to meet this want, has expended $22,498 in Minnesota. We have been generously dealt with. It is a good time to begin to take steps toward self-support. Just now, we know the finances of the country are not in the most favorable condition. But we are not, as a State, in so much need of money to carry on our work as of two other things: (1.) A pervading baptism of the Holv Ghost, which shall not only gather a great multitude of converts, but lead those already converted to hold their possessions as well as their lips in readiness for the service of God; and (2) a thorough uprooting of the spirit of sectarian rivalry. I have said publicly, and here repeat my candid judgment, that there are men and money enough in Minnesota,—men actually engaged in christian work, and money actually being expended,—to give the gospel to every community in the State. There are places in the State where four ministers, of four different denominations, are regularly, every Sabbath or twice a month, professedly preaching the same gospel to a population of less than five hundred souls, all told—less than three hundred attendants upon public worship. If we are to continue to receive aid in our work, these facts will have to take on smaller figures. As we understand our commission, we are here to *christianize*, not denominationalize, Minnesota; to build up the kingdom of Christ, not sect. May the Lord hasten the day when it shall be so regarded.

L. H. COBB.

# APPENDIX I.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Your committee have visited the College, by one or more of its members, at each of the examinations of the year, and also once during the regular work of the term. It has been to us a pleasant duty, and we only regret that we could not have spent more time in contact with the cheerful and efficient process of culture there progressing.

We find that the College is, as heretofore, an eminently *christian* institution, wholly devoid of a *sectarian* spirit. We met and conversed with students of different denominations, who felt themselves to be in a most healthful and invigorating religious atmosphere, and yet were utterly unconscious of any *denominational bias* in the school. It is exceedingly pleasant to join them in their orderly and devout attendance upon the regular chapel devotions, and also in their meetings for conference and prayer. We would make particular mention of the fifteen-minute noonday prayer meeting. We regard it as an invaluable spiritual tonic.

Ought we not to be grateful to God that we have a school into which the secularizing tendency of the day cannot enter, and where we may place our sons and daughters, confident that they will continue to receive the quickening saving influences that pertain to a christian home?

The discipline of the institution seems to be kindly and firmly administered. Once during the year its *firmness* has been tested, and it was not found wanting. Its kindness becomes apparent to the visitor, in the cheerfulness of all, teachers and pupils, and in the warm words of commendation so freely spoken by the latter.

But the question of prime importance in regard to an institution of learning relates to its proper work, the work of instruction. And your committee are happy to say that they have seen clear indications of ability, of enthusiasm for study, and of conscientious labor in the board of instruction. In most of the departments of study we discovered a kindling interest among the pupils, which reveals the influence brought to bear upon them in this respect, and which gives promise of the best results. The grade of scholarship seems to us to compare favorably with that maintained in institutions of the same rank in the older portions of our country. Nothing is wanting to Carleton College but a greater abundance of funds with which to enrich her library, her cabinet, her apparatus room and her chemical laboratory, and to add, as her growth demands it, to her accommodations for students and to the number of her faculty.

We congratulate the friends of the institution upon the successful inauguration within the year of a chair of Physical Science. The result reached is creditable alike to the judicious liberality of the people of Minnesota towards the College, and to the fidelity and efficiency of its honored president.

And now, as we look back upon the first decade of this christian school, we mark, with wonder and with profound gratitude, the good providence of God in its history. In its brief but prosperous past, we read a most cheering prophecy of the abundant success and fruitfulness that shall crown its maturer life.

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. CHANEY,
EDWIN S. WILLIAMS,
NELSON CLARK,
O. W. SHAW.

# APPENDIX J.

## THE WORK AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH AS SEEN BY A LAYMAN.

The work is the main thing, and the management is the system employed to keep the work going forward.

The legitimate work of the church is to bring men to Christ and to keep them there, and this fact should never be lost sight of in any *management* which is employed. The danger sometimes is that in our efforts to keep up appearances and compete with sister churches, we may forget the *object* for which we work. It is all right to calculate somewhat ahead of present demands and resources, for instance in building a new house of worship, but it is *not right* for a church to so plan unless they can see pretty clearly where these resources are coming from. It is no more right for a church to do this than it is for an individual. The effect of this sort of management is that it is next to impossible for a church corporation to borrow money even on the best of bond and mortgage security, unless the *payment* of the debt is guaranteed by individual members of the church, and the reason of this is that churches, (as a rule,) in their business matters are not conducted on business principles. A business man, if he is fair and honest, will not borrow money unless he has a reasonable prospect of being able to pay the debt when due; churches, however, as we well know, frequently load themselves with debts which they have *no prospect* of being able to pay when due. Shall we say then that they are fair and honest, and are in a position to lead men into christian living?

Oftentimes in these matters, as in others, God overrules our mistakes for good, but nevertheless, we should try and avoid the mistakes.

A church is a *body of christians*, and not a building, (as many seem to suppose); therefore, rather than earn the reputation of being dishonest and unfair in business dealings, we had better meet from house to house, and worship God "in spirit and in truth."

The pastor should be mainly the spiritual adviser, and yet should have an oversight of all the departments, whether temporal or spiritual; in other words, should be an *ex-officio* member of all committees and organizations in connection with the church. (By church here I mean also society, and the reason these two institutions exist separately under one organization, is a mystery too dark for my ken.)

As the *leading* work of the church devolves on the pastor, it is proper to call attention to some points in connection with him.

Of course one of the first things thought of is his preaching.

Now, we laymen don't care very much about doctrinal sermons, abstract truths, or the history of the Jews. It may be that we *should* care about it, and it is well to tell us about such things once in a while, (but not often, please.) What we *do* want to hear from the pulpit, (or, whether we want to or not, we *need* to.) is, how to bring religion into every-day life, how to carry Christ with us *into* business; how to keep temptation and the devil *out*; how to treat our fellows as we would be treated ourselves; in other words, we want to know how to carry our religion out of Sunday into Monday and the rest of the week.

A large number of church members in our churches, instead of being helps to anybody, are dead weights to be carried along, and the fault is mainly with themselves; but they may be *helped* to better lives by a little plain talk which appeals not so much to their pockets as to their manhood. But while *christians* need so much instruction, we should not forget those who do not *even profess* to follow Christ, and *no* sermon should be preached to a mixed audience without pointing out to the sinner in some way, the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." The most effectual preaching after all, is the preaching of everyday life, the christian living and acting, the *personal* words from a loving heart, these are the things that lead men to Christ, and they *must be* LED, not driven.

This sort of preaching may be done by the layman as well as by the minister, and yet the fact remains, that few churches will get *ahead* of the pastor in spiritual things, and he will generally have to take the *lead* if anything is accomplished.

## APPENDIX K.

## DESIGNATING THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE CHURCHES ARE LOCATED.

Afton, Washington.
Albert Lea, Freeborn.
Alexandria, Douglas.
Anoka, Anoka.
Audubon, Becker.
Austin, Mower.
Baldwin, Sherburne.
Belgrade, Nicollet.
Belle Prairie, Morrison.
Brainerd, Crow Wing.
Brownsdale, Mower.
Burns, Brown.
Butternut Valley, { Salem, Goshen, } Blue Earth.
Cannon City, Rice.
Cannon Falls, Goodhue.
Chain Lake Center, Martin.
Claremont, Dodge.

Clearwater, Stearns.
Collins, McLeod.
Cottage Grove, Washington.
Detroit, Becker.
Dodge Center Dodge.
Douglas, Dakota.
Duluth, St. Louis.
Elgin, Wabasha.
Elk River, Sherburne.
Excelsior, Hennepin.
Fairmont, Martin.
Faribault, Rice.
Fergus Falls, Ottertail.
Freeborn, Freeborn.
Gilmanton, Benton.
Glencoe, McLeod.
Glenwood, Pope.
Glyndon, Clay
Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine.
Granville, Goodhue.
Guildford, Freeborn.
Hamilton, Fillmore.
Hancock, Stevens.
Hartland, Freeborn.
Hawley, Clay.
Hutchinson, McLeod.
Lac qui Parle, Lac qui Parle.
Lake City, Wabasha.
Lakeland, Washington.
Lamberton, Redwood.
Lansing, Mower
Lenora, Fillmore.
Little Falls, Morrison.
Maine, Ottertail.
Mankato, Blue Earth.
Mantorville, Dodge.
Marine Mills, Washington.
Marshall, Lyon.
Marshfield, Lincoln.
Mazeppa, Wabasha.
Medford, Steele.
Minneapolis, (4) Hennepin.
Montevideo, Chippewa.
Monticello, Wright.
Morris, Stevens.
Mt. Lake, Cottonwood.
Muskoda, Clay.
Nevada, Mower.
Northfield, Rice.
Owatonna, Steele.
Park, Clay.
Paynesville, Stearns.
Plainview, Wabasha.
Prairieville East, Rice.
Princeton, Mille Lacs.
Providence, Nicollet.
Quincy, Olmsted.
Rochester, Olmsted.
Rose Creek, Mower.
Round Grove, McLeod.
Rushford, Fillmore.
Saratoga, Winona.
Sauk Center, Stearns.
Sauk Rapids, Benton.
Scambler, Ottertail.
Sleepy Eye, Brown.
South Bend, Blue Earth.
Spring Valley Fillmore.
St. Charles, Winona.
St. Cloud, Stearns.
St. Olaff, Ottertail.
St. Paul, Ramsey.
Sterling, Blue Earth.
Tracy, { Union, / Bethel, } Lyon.
Two Rivers, Morrison.
Underwood, Lyon.
Union Grove, Meeker.
Wabasha, Wabasha.
Wadena, Wadena.
Walnut Station, Redwood.
Waseca, Waseca.
Westford, Martin.
Winnebago Agency, Blue Earth.
Winona, Winona.
Worthington. Nobles.
Zumbrota, Goodhue.

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | No. in Sabbath Schools. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. | | | NAMES. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | | Begun Labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'cated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | | |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 2 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 50 |
| Alexandria | 1869 | 11 | 14 | W. W. Norton | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 15 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 35 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 06 | E. Douglas | 1875 | ..... | 25 | 64 | 89 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 75 | 45 |
| Baldwin | 1876 | 2 | 20 | U. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 04 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 15 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 16 | 49 | 65 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 115 | 88 |
| Collins | 1871 | 9 | 10 | S. H. Kellogg No report | 1871 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 11 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 25 | 43 | 68 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Elk River | 1875 | 2 | 7 | J. F. Guyton | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 21 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | P.E. | 54 | 60 | 114 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 110 | ..... |
| Gilmanton | 1876 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 10 | 24 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 7 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 45 |
| Glenwood | 1867 | 9 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 45 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 18 |
| Marine Mills | 1858 | 2 | 8 | W. M. Weld | 1870 | ..... | 9 | 22 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 30 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | E. M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 37 | 65 | 102 | 22 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 225 | 145 |
| " —Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 186 | 278 | 464 | 42 | 33 | 33 | 66 | 7 | 36 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 7 | 700 | 525 |
| " —Second | 1867 | 10 | 14 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | P.E. | 31 | 58 | 89 | 8 | 23 | 12 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 156 | 104 |
| " —Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | C. A. Hampton | 1873 | P.E. | 17 | 33 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 150 | 120 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 3 | 8 | D. Jenkins | 1875 | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 85 | 46 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | C. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 13 | 15 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 35 |
| Round Grove | 1875 | 11 | 12 | S. H. Kellogg | 1875 | ..... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 | 25 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 20 | A. J. Pike | 1868 | ..... | 16 | 30 | 46 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | S. Hall | 1855 | ..... | 11 | 14 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 26 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | C. M. Terry | 1872 | 1873 | 119 | 176 | 295 | 40 | 52 | 24 | 76 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 20 | 3 | 421 | 254 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | 1875 | 1876 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |

# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College & Ed. Society. | Church Exp's | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 25 95 | $ 13 00 | $ 00 | $ 3 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 120 00 | $ 00 | $ 161 95 |
| Alexandria | 00 | 12 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1200 00 | 8 00 | 1220 00 |
| Anoka | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 650 00 |
| Baldwin | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 150 00 | 00 | 150 00 |
| Belle Prairie | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Clearwater | 45 00 | 45 72 | 7 36 | 13 86 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 910 94 |
| Collins | | | | | | | | | 911 94 |
| Cottage Grove | 9 91 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 709 91 |
| Elk River | | | | | | | | | |
| Excelsior | 23 50 | 19 00 | 11 00 | 19 00 | 3 00 | 15 00 | 485 00 | 13 20 | 588 70 |
| Gilmanton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 45 00 | 00 | 45 00 |
| Glencoe | 6 00 | 18 22 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1155 05 | 00 | 1185 52 |
| Glenwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Hutchinson | 00 | 6 05 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 106 05 |
| Lakeland | 3 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 120 00 | 00 | 123 60 |
| Little Falls | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 453 00 |
| Marine Mills | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1000 00 | 00 | 1030 00 |
| Minneapolis,—First | 87 99 | 51 07 | 19 99 | 47 49 | 00 | 31 69 | 1692 38 | 77 68 | 2008 29 |
| " —Plymouth | 506 28 | 241 63 | 86 55 | 212 69 | 17 45 | 34 83 | 25000 00 | 1014 22 | 27113 65 |
| " —Second | 27 99 | 46 51 | 24 84 | 24 83 | 00 | 3 10 | 7081 95 | 34 41 | 7243 63 |
| " —Pilgrim | 00 | 21 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1225 00 | 7 00 | 1253 00 |
| Monticello | | | | | | | | | |
| Paynesville | 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 360 00 | 00 | 365 00 |
| Princeton | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 653 00 |
| Round Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Sauk Center | 12 00 | 7 50 | 6 00 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 500 00 | 3 00 | 535 50 |
| Sauk Rapids | 00 | 15 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 50 00 | 265 50 |
| St. Cloud | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1018 00 | 00 | 1018 00 |
| St. Paul | 149 30 | 80 20 | 00 | 20 00 | 00 | 00 | 6000 00 | 660 00 | 6914 50 |
| Two Rivers | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 705 00 |
| Union Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 30 00 |
| Total | $ 897 52 | $ 623 40 | $ 163 99 | $ 347 87 | $ 20 45 | $ 84 62 | $51882 38 | $ 1872 51 | $55892 74 |

# NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | NAMES. | Begun Labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissal. | Excom'cated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | P. Fay | 1874 | | | | 20 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 12 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 13 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 30 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | P. Fay | 1874 | | 1 | 15 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 25 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | 37 | 51 | 88 | 33 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 180 | 125 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | G. A. Hood | 1872 | | 7 | 15 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 48 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 20 | 21 | 41 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 72 | 60 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1875 | | 13 | | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 20 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | C. A. Mills | 1876 | | 14 | 19 | 33 | 0 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 10 | L. Kribs | 1873 | | 14 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 20 |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | N. Young | 1876 | | 11 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 20 |
| St. Olaff | 1876 | 6 | 18 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | | 10 | 17 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 10 | 29 | P. Fay | 1876 | | 8 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| 18 Churches | | | | 7 Ministers | | | 154 | 99 | 355 | 81 | 51 | 66 | | 1 | 6 | | 8 | 28 | 10 | 643 | 445 |

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REGISTRAR.—Col. R. M. Newport, Brainerd.

# NORTH'N PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benev. & Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'l Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $ 00 | $ 3 30 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 238 00 | $ 00 | $ 241 30 |
| Brainerd | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 3 00 | 2 26 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 515 00 | 00 | 720 26 |
| Duluth | 23 90 | 19 93 | 11 95 | 11 95 | 00 | 7 97 | 1 750 00 | 898 | 1 829 68 |
| Fergus Falls | 3 01 | 10 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 015 00 | 00 | 1 029 01 |
| Glyndon | | | | | | | 500 00 | | 500 00 |
| Hawley | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 210 00 |
| Maine | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 180 00 | 00 | 180 00 |
| Muskoda | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 50 00 | 00 | 50 00 |
| Park | 00 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 328 00 | 9 00 | 343 25 |
| Scambler | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 8 00 | 608 00 |
| St. Olaff | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Wadena | 00 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 75 |
| Total | $ 29 91 | $ 54 49 | $ 12 95 | $ 11 95 | $ 00 | $ 7 97 | $ 5 476 00 | $ 15 98 | $ 5 609 25 |

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo | Dy. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Beg'n Lab'r | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom. | Total. | BAPTISMS Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Av. Attend'ce. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Albert Lea** | 1872 | 10 | 23 | E. H. Alden | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 27 | 37 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 28 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 100 | 60 |
| **Austin** | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | 1875 | 56 | 95 | 151 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 193 | 130 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | ..... | ..... | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | L. F. Tobey | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 30 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 65 | 50 |
| Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 30 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 20 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 11 | 18 | 29 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 45 |
| Chain Lake Center. | 1865 | 5 | 29 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 35 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | ..... | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 16 | 19 | 35 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 127 | 60 |
| Dodge Center | 1875 | 6 | 6 | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 8 | 19 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 150 | 107 |
| **Fairmont** | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 85 |
| **Faribault** | 1856 | 5 | 31 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 94 | 154 | 248 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 150 |
| **Freeborn** | 1875 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 12 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| **Guildford** | 1860 | 4 | ..... | C. E. Wright—No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Hartland** | 1874 | 8 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 70 | 57 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | L. F. Tobey—No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | ..... | 49 | 62 | 111 | 25 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 125 | 75 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | 1876 | 14 | 28 | 42 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 250 | 178 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 5 | J. N. Powell | 1875 | ..... | 14 | 24 | 38 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | 5 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. C. Leonard | 1875 | ..... | 111 | 144 | 255 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 200 | 140 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | O. C. Dickerson | 1874 | ..... | 54 | 88 | 142 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 150 | 125 |
| Prairieville, East | 1861 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Providence | 1869 | 9 | 10 | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 17 | 37 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 35 | 25 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 9 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 50 |
| South Bend | 1859 | 12 | ..... | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | Geo Johnson | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 60 | 45 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 16 | L. Loring | 1875 | ..... | 54 | 59 | 113 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 113 |
| Westford | 1871 | 4 | 9 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | 1876 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Winnebago Agency | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | H. B. Tuttle | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 44 | 72 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 84 |
| 32 Churches | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 Ministers | ..... | ..... | 657 | 953 | 1610 | 172 | 109 | 95 | 204 | 16 | 49 | 17 | 82 | 48 | 24 | 2654 | 1839 |

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REGISTRAR OF CONFERENCE:—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin.

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE.—Table 2. Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | $ 3 000 | $ 5 00 | $ 4 00 | $ 00 | $ 5 00 | $ 00 | $ 1 850 00 | $ 5 50 | $ 1 872 50 |
| Austin | 100 00 | 88 77 | 81 55 | 81 44 | 6 33 | 12 67 | 1 895 32 | 320 93 | 2 512 11 |
| Belgrade | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Brownsdale | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 636 00 | 20 | 648 00 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 330 00 | 31 00 | 366 00 |
| " Goshen | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 115 00 | 5 00 | 120 00 |
| Cannon City | 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 317 00 | 00 | 325 00 |
| Chain Lake Center | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 00 | 00 | 80 00 |
| Claremont | 00 | 6 35 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 365 11 | 00 | 371 46 |
| Dodge Center | 00 | 3 65 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 8 40 | 441 80 | 50 00 | 503 85 |
| Fairmont | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 584 00 | 00 | 600 00 |
| Faribault | 70 73 | 53 65 | 9 53 | 65 21 | 10 24 | 00 | 2 150 00 | 118 93 | 2 478 29 |
| Freeborn | 00 | 8 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 260 00 | 00 | 268 50 |
| Guildford | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 275 00 | 15 00 | 3 00 00 |
| Lansing | | | | | | | | | |
| Mankato | 32 00 | 70 00 | 24 50 | 00 | 00 | 10 00 | 1 468 00 | 25 00 | 1 629 50 |
| Mantorville | 500 | 20 16 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 764 56 | 12 00 | 1 801 72 |
| Medford | 8 00 | 8 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 792 00 | 00 | 808 00 |
| Mountain Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | 00 | 245 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 45 |
| Northfield | 149 62 | 238 62 | 58 43 | 142 18 | 11 97 | 30 57 | 2 000 00 | 61 08 | 2 692 47 |
| Owatonna | 00 | 19 15 | 00 | 5 75 | 00 | 00 | 1 675 10 | 00 | 1 700 00 |
| Prairieville, East | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 425 00 | 00 | 441 00 |
| Providence | 00 | 1 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 451 60 |
| Rose Creek | 1 64 | 14 14 | 1 64 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 381 93 | 5 00 | 406 35 |
| South Bend | 00 | 2 64 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 300 00 | 6 00 | 308 64 |
| Sterling | 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 00 | 618 00 |
| Waseca | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 400 00 | 48 00 | 1 448 00 |
| Westford | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 210 00 | 00 | 212 00 |
| Winnebago Agency | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 800 00 |
| Worthington | 00 | 21 63 | 22 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 110 00 | 00 | 1 153 63 |
| Total | $ 369.99 | $ 612 31 | $ 160 75 | $ 299 58 | $ 33 54 | $ 61 64 | $23 025 82 | $ 705 45 | $25 269 07 |

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo | Day | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Begun labor | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Death. | Dismissal. | Excom'n. | Total. | BAPTISMS. Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burns | 1876 | 7 | 26 | O. P. Champlin | 1875 | 1876 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | E. N. Raymond | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 25 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 21 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 7 | 26 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 9 | 14 | 23 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 9 | 6 | H. C. Simmons | 1874 | 1875 | 22 | 41 | 63 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 35 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 6 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 30 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | 1876 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 4 | 4 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| " —Bethel | 1872 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 17 | 33 | 50 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 40 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | ..... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 25 |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 13 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| 14 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | | | 104 | 170 | 274 | 17 | 77 | 63 | 140 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 463 | 341 |

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## WESTERN CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burns | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | | | |
| Granite Falls | 4 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | $ 200 00 | $ 00 | $ 209 00 |
| Hancock | 2 57 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 225 50 | 00 | 280 80 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 1 42 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 265 00 | 00 | 271 42 |
| Lamberton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 103 00 | 3 00 | 106 00 |
| Marshall | 5 74 | 22 50 | 00 | 5 74 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 10 00 | 693 98 |
| Marshfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Montevideo | 2 68 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 435 00 | 20 00 | 464 68 |
| Morris | 00 | 5 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 00 | 356 85 | 0 | 365 35 |
| Sleepy Eye | 5 00 | 11 10 | 00 | 3 50 | 0 | 2 70 | 900 00 | 14 00 | 936 30 |
| Tracy—Union | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 202 50 |
| " Bethel | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 490 00 | 00 | 492 50 |
| Underwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 250 00 | 00 | 250 00 |
| Walnut Station | 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 5 00 | 606 00 |
| Total | $ 21 39 | $ 64 85 | $ 00 | $ 9 24 | $ 00 | $ 5 70 | $ 4 675 35 | $ 52 00 | $ 4 828 53 |

# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875–6. | | | REMOVED, 1875–6. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | No. in Sabbath Schools. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | NAMES. | Begun Labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'cated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | | |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 2 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 50 |
| Alexandria | 1869 | 11 | 14 | W. W. Norton | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 15 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 35 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 06 | E. Douglas | 1875 | ..... | 25 | 64 | 89 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 75 | 45 |
| Baldwin | 1876 | 2 | 20 | C. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 04 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 15 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 16 | 49 | 65 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 115 | 88 |
| Collins | 1871 | 9 | 10 | S. H. Kellogg No report | 1871 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 11 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 25 | 43 | 68 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Elk River | 1875 | 2 | 7 | J. F. Guyton | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 21 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | P.E. | 54 | 60 | 114 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 110 | ..... |
| Gilmanton | 1876 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 10 | 24 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 7 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 45 |
| Glenwood | 1867 | 9 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 45 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 15 |
| Marine Mills | 1858 | 2 | 8 | W. M. Weld | 1870 | ..... | 9 | 22 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 45 | 30 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | E. M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 37 | 65 | 102 | 22 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 225 | 145 |
| " —Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 186 | 278 | 464 | 42 | 33 | 33 | 66 | 7 | 36 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 7 | 700 | 525 |
| " —Second | 1867 | 10 | 14 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | P.E. | 31 | 58 | 89 | 8 | 23 | 12 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 156 | 104 |
| " —Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | C. A. Hampton | 1873 | P.E. | 17 | 33 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 150 | 130 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 3 | 8 | D. Jenkins | 1875 | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 85 | 46 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | C. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 13 | 15 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 35 |
| Round Grove | 1875 | 11 | 12 | S. H. Kellogg | 1875 | ..... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 | 25 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 20 | A. J. Pike | 1868 | ..... | 16 | 30 | 46 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | S. Hall | 1855 | ..... | 11 | 14 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 26 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | C. M. Terry | 1872 | 1873 | 119 | 176 | 295 | 40 | 52 | 24 | 76 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 20 | 3 | 421 | 254 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | 1875 | 1875 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 120 |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| 31 Churches. | | | | 21 Ministers. | | | 674 | 1105 | 1779 | 199 | 158 | 120 | 278 | 16 | 90 | 9 | 115 | 73 | 41 | 2778 | 1995 |

# ANOKA CONFERENCE–TABLE 2–Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College & Ed. Society. | Church Exp's | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 25 95 | $ 13 00 | $ 00 | $ 3 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 120 00 | $ 00 | $ 161 95 |
| Alexandria | 00 | 12 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1200 00 | 8 00 | 1220 00 |
| Anoka | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 650 00 |
| Baldwin | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 150 00 | 00 | 150 00 |
| Belle Prairie | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Clearwater | 45 00 | 45 72 | 7 36 | 13 86 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 910 94 |
| Collins | | | | | | | | | 911 94 |
| Cottage Grove | 9 91 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 709 91 |
| Elk River | | | | | | | | | |
| Excelsior | 23 50 | 19 00 | 11 00 | 19 00 | 3 00 | 15 00 | 485 00 | 13 20 | 588 70 |
| Gilmanton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 45 00 | 00 | 45 00 |
| Glencoe | 6 00 | 18 22 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1155 05 | 00 | 1185 52 |
| Glenwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | 00 | 00 |
| Hutchinson | 00 | 6 05 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 106 05 |
| Lakeland | 3 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 120 00 | 00 | 123 60 |
| Little Falls | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 453 00 |
| Marine Mills | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1000 00 | 00 | 1030 00 |
| Minneapolis,—First | 87 99 | 51 07 | 19 99 | 47 49 | 00 | 31 69 | 1692 38 | 77 68 | 2008 29 |
| " —Plymouth | 506 28 | 241 63 | 86 55 | 212 69 | 17 45 | 34 83 | 25000 00 | 1014 22 | 27113 65 |
| " —Second | 27 99 | 46 51 | 24 84 | 24 83 | 00 | 3 10 | 7081 95 | 34 41 | 7243 63 |
| " —Pilgrim | 00 | 21 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1225 00 | 7 00 | 1253 00 |
| Monticello | | | | | | | | | |
| Paynesville | 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 360 00 | 00 | 365 00 |
| Princeton | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 653 00 |
| Round Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Sauk Center | 12 00 | 7 50 | 6 00 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 500 00 | 3 00 | 535 50 |
| Sauk Rapids | 00 | 15 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 50 00 | 265 50 |
| St. Cloud | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1018 00 | 00 | 1018 00 |
| St. Paul | 149 30 | 80 20 | 00 | 20 00 | 00 | 09 | 6000 00 | 660 00 | 6914 50 |
| Two Rivers | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 705 00 |
| Union Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 30 00 |
| Total | $ 897 52 | $ 623 40 | $ 163 99 | $ 347 87 | $ 20 45 | $ 84 62 | $51882 38 | $ 1872 51 | $55892 74 |

# NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE--TABLE 1--REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | NAMES. | Begun Labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissal. | Excom'cated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | P. Fay | 1874 | | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 12 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 13 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 30 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | P. Fay | 1874 | | 11 | 15 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 25 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 7 | 18 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | 37 | 51 | 88 | 33 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 180 | 125 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | G. A. Hood | 1872 | | 7 | 15 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 45 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 20 | 21 | 41 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 75 | 60 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1875 | | 13 | 14 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 20 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | | 14 | 19 | 33 | 0 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 10 | L. Kribs | 1873 | | 14 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 20 |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | N. Young | 1876 | | 11 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 20 |
| St. Olaff | 1876 | 6 | 18 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | | 10 | 17 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 10 | 29 | P. Fay | 1876 | | 6 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| 18 Churches | | | | 7 Ministers | | | 154 | 199 | 355 | 61 | 51 | 66 | 117 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 10 | 643 | 445 |

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# NORTH'N PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benev. & Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $ 00 | $ 3 30 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 238 00 | $ 00 | $ 241 30 |
| Brainerd | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 3 00 | 2 26 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 515 00 | 00 | 720 26 |
| Duluth | 23 90 | 19 93 | 11 95 | 11 95 | 00 | 7 97 | 1 750 00 | 898 | 1 829 68 |
| Fergus Falls | 3 01 | 10 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 015 00 | 00 | 1 029 01 |
| Glyndon | | | | | | | 500 00 | | 500 00 |
| Hawley | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 210 00 |
| Maine | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 180 00 | 00 | 180 00 |
| Muskoda | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 50 00 | 00 | 50 00 |
| Park | 00 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 328 00 | 9 00 | 343 25 |
| Scambler | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 3 00 | 603 00 |
| St. Olaff | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Wadena | 00 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 75 |
| Total | $ 29 91 | $ 54 49 | $ 12 95 | $ 11 95 | $ 00 | $ 7 97 | $ 5 476 00 | $ 15 98 | $ 5 609 25 |

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| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo | Dy. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Beg'n Lab'r | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom. | Total. | BAPTISMS Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Av. Attend. S. S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Albert Lea** | 1872 | 10 | 23 | E. H. Alden | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 27 | 37 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 28 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 100 | 60 |
| **Austin** | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | 1875 | 56 | 95 | 151 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 193 | 130 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | ..... | ..... | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | I. F. Tobey | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 30 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 65 | 50 |
| Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 30 | F. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 20 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 11 | 18 | 29 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 45 |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 35 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | ..... | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 16 | 19 | 35 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 127 | 60 |
| Dodge Center | 1875 | 6 | 6 | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 8 | 19 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 150 | 107 |
| **Fairmont** | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 85 |
| **Faribault** | 1856 | 5 | 31 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 94 | 154 | 248 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 150 |
| **Freeborn** | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 12 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| **Guildford** | 1860 | 4 | ..... | C. E. Wright—No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hartland | 1874 | 8 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 78 | 57 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | I. F. Tobey —No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | ..... | 49 | 62 | 111 | 25 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 125 | 75 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1873 | 1876 | 14 | 28 | 42 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 250 | 178 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 5 | J. N. Powell | 1875 | ..... | 14 | 24 | 38 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | 5 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. C. Leonard | 1875 | ..... | 111 | 144 | 255 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 200 | 140 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | O. C. Dickerson | 1874 | ..... | 54 | 88 | 142 | 26 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 150 | 125 |
| Prairieville, East | 1861 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Providence | 1869 | 9 | 10 | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 17 | 37 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 9 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 50 |
| South Bend | 1859 | 12 | ..... | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | Geo Johnson | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 60 | 45 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 16 | L. Loring | 1875 | ..... | 54 | 59 | 113 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 113 |
| Westford | 1871 | 4 | 9 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | 1876 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Winnebago Agency | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | H. B. Tuttle | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 44 | 72 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 84 |
| 32 Churches. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 Ministers | ..... | ..... | 557 | 953 | 1610 | 172 | 109 | 95 | 204 | 16 | 49 | 17 | 82 | 48 | 24 | 2654 | 1839 |

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REGISTRAR OF CONFERENCE:—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin.

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | $ 3 000 | $ 5 00 | $ 4 00 | $ 00 | $ 5 00 | $ 00 | $ 1 850 00 | $ 5 50 | $ 1 872 50 |
| Austin | 100 00 | 68 77 | 31 55 | 81 44 | 6 33 | 12 67 | 1 895 32 | 320 93 | 2 513 11 |
| Belgrade | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Brownsdale | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 636 00 | 200 | 648 00 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 330 00 | 31 00 | 366 00 |
| " Goshen | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 115 00 | 5 00 | 120 00 |
| Cannon City | 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 317 00 | 00 | 325 00 |
| Chain Lake Center | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 00 | 00 | 80 00 |
| Claremont | 00 | 6 35 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 365 11 | 00 | 371 46 |
| Dodge Center | 00 | 3 65 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 8 40 | 441 80 | 50 00 | 503 85 |
| Fairmont | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 584 00 | 00 | 600 00 |
| Faribault | 70 73 | 53 65 | 9 53 | 65 21 | 10 24 | 00 | 2 150 00 | 118 93 | 2 478 29 |
| Freeborn | 00 | 8 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 260 00 | 00 | 268 50 |
| Guildford | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 275 00 | 15 00 | 3 00 00 |
| Lansing | | | | | | | | | |
| Mankato | 32 00 | 70 00 | 24 50 | 00 | 00 | 10 00 | 1 468 00 | 25 00 | 1 629 50 |
| Mantorville | 500 | 20 16 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 764 56 | 12 00 | 1 801 72 |
| Medford | 8 00 | 8 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 792 00 | 00 | 808 00 |
| Mountain Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | 00 | 245 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 45 |
| Northfield | 149 62 | 238 62 | 58 43 | 142 18 | 11 97 | 30 57 | 2 000 00 | 61 08 | 2 692 47 |
| Owatonna | 00 | 19 15 | 00 | 5 75 | 00 | 00 | 1 675 10 | 00 | 1 700 00 |
| Prairieville, East | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 425 00 | 00 | 441 00 |
| Providence | 00 | 1 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 451 60 |
| Rose Creek | 1 64 | 14 14 | 1 64 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 381 93 | 5 00 | 406 35 |
| South Bend | 00 | 2 64 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 300 00 | 6 00 | 308 64 |
| Sterling | 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 00 | 618 00 |
| Waseca | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 400 00 | 48 00 | 1 448 00 |
| Westford | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 210 00 | 00 | 212 00 |
| Winnebago Agency | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 800 00 |
| Worthington | 00 | 21 68 | 22 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 110 00 | 00 | 1 153 68 |
| Total | $ 369.99 | $ 612 31 | $ 160 75 | $ 299 58 | $ 33 54 | $ 61 64 | $ 23 025 82 | $ 705 45 | $25 269 07 |

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. | | | NAMES. | Begun labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissal. | Excom'n. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
| | Yr. | Mo | Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burns | 1876 | 7 | 26 | O. P. Champlin | 1875 | 1876 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | E. N. Raymond | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 25 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 21 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 7 | 26 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 9 | 14 | 23 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 9 | 6 | H. C. Simmons | 1874 | 1875 | 22 | 41 | 63 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 35 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 6 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 30 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | 1876 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 4 | 4 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| " —Bethel | 1872 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 17 | 33 | 50 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 50 | 40 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | ..... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 25 |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 13 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| 14 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | | | 104 | 170 | 274 | 17 | 77 | 63 | 140 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 465 | 341 |

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# WESTERN CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l. Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burns | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | | | |
| Granite Falls | 4 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | $ 200 00 | $ 00 | $ 209 00 |
| Hancock | 2 55 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 225 50 | 00 | 280 80 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 1 42 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 265 00 | 00 | 271 42 |
| Lamberton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 103 00 | 3 00 | 106 00 |
| Marshall | 5 74 | 22 50 | 00 | 5 74 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 10 00 | 698 98 |
| Marshfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Montevideo | 2 68 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 435 00 | 20 00 | 464 68 |
| Morris | 00 | 5 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 00 | 356 85 | 00 | 365 35 |
| Sleepy Eye | 5 00 | 11 10 | 00 | 3 50 | 00 | 2 70 | 900 00 | 14 00 | 936 30 |
| Tracy—Union | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 202 50 |
| " Bethel | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 490 00 | 00 | 492 50 |
| Underwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 250 00 | 00 | 250 00 |
| Walnut Station | 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 5 00 | 606 00 |
| Total | $ 21 39 | $ 64 85 | $ 00 | $ 9 24 | $ 00 | $ 5 70 | $ 4 675 35 | $ 52 00 | $ 4 828 53 |

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| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Begun Labor. | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'cated. | Total. | BAPTISMS. Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sabbath Schools. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 2 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 50 |
| Alexandria | 1869 | 11 | 14 | W. W. Norton | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 15 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 35 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 06 | E. Douglas | 1875 | ..... | 25 | 64 | 89 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 75 | 45 |
| Baldwin | 1876 | 2 | 20 | C. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 04 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 15 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 16 | 49 | 65 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 115 | 88 |
| Collins | 1871 | 9 | 19 | S. H. Kellogg No report | 1871 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 11 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 25 | 43 | 68 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Elk River | 1875 | 2 | 7 | J. F. Guyton | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 21 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | P.E. | 54 | 60 | 114 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 110 | ..... |
| Gilmanton | 1876 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 10 | 24 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 7 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 45 |
| Glenwood | 1867 | 9 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | A. Graves | 1874 | ..... | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 45 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 18 |
| Marine Mills | 1858 | 2 | 8 | W. M. Weld | 1870 | ..... | 9 | 22 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 30 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | E. M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 37 | 65 | 102 | 22 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 225 | 145 |
| " —Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 186 | 278 | 464 | 42 | 33 | 33 | 66 | 7 | 36 | 2 | 45 | 8 | 7 | 700 | 525 |
| " —Second | 1867 | 10 | 14 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | P.E. | 31 | 58 | 89 | 8 | 23 | 12 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 156 | 104 |
| " —Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | C. A. Hampton | 1873 | P.E. | 17 | 33 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 150 | 130 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 3 | 8 | D. Jenkins | 1875 | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 85 | 46 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | C. C. Breed | 1876 | ..... | 13 | 15 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 35 |
| Round Grove | 1875 | 11 | 12 | S. H. Kellogg | 1875 | ..... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 | 25 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 20 | A. J. Pike | 1868 | ..... | 16 | 30 | 46 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | S. Hall | 1855 | ..... | 11 | 14 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 26 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | C. M. Terry | 1872 | 1873 | 119 | 176 | 295 | 40 | 52 | 24 | 76 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 20 | 3 | 421 | 254 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | 1875 | 1875 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 120 |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| 31 Churches. | | | | 21 Ministers. | | | 674 | 1105 | 1779 | 199 | 158 | 120 | 278 | 16 | 90 | 9 | 115 | 73 | 41 | 2778 | 1995 |

# ANOKA CONFERENCE–TABLE 2–Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College & Ed. Society. | Church Exp's | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 25 95 | $ 13 00 | $ 00 | $ 3 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 120 00 | $ 00 | $ 161 95 |
| Alexandria | 00 | 12 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1200 00 | 8 00 | 1220 00 |
| Anoka | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 650 00 |
| Baldwin | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 150 00 | 00 | 150 00 |
| Belle Prairie | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Clearwater | 45 00 | 45 72 | 7 36 | 13 86 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 910 94 |
| Collins | | | | | | | | | 911 94 |
| Cottage Grove | 9 91 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 709 91 |
| Elk River | | | | | | | | | |
| Excelsior | 23 50 | 19 00 | 11 00 | 19 00 | 3 00 | 15 00 | 485 00 | 13 20 | 588 70 |
| Gilmanton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 45 00 | 00 | 45 00 |
| Glencoe | 6 00 | 18 22 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1155 05 | 00 | 1185 52 |
| Glenwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Hutchinson | 00 | 6 05 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 106 05 |
| Lakeland | 3 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 120 00 | 00 | 123 60 |
| Little Falls | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 453 00 |
| Marine Mills | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1000 00 | 00 | 1030 00 |
| Minneapolis,—First | 87 99 | 51 07 | 19 99 | 47 49 | 00 | 31 66 | 1692 38 | 77 68 | 2008 29 |
| " —Plymouth | 506 28 | 241 63 | 86 55 | 212 69 | 17 45 | 34 83 | 25000 00 | 1014 22 | 27113 65 |
| " —Second | 27 99 | 46 51 | 24 84 | 24 83 | 00 | 3 10 | 7081 95 | 34 41 | 7243 63 |
| " —Pilgrim | 00 | 21 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1225 00 | 7 00 | 1253 00 |
| Monticello | | | | | | | | | |
| Paynesville | 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 360 00 | 00 | 365 00 |
| Princeton | 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 00 | 653 00 |
| Round Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Sauk Center | 12 00 | 7 50 | 6 00 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 500 00 | 3 00 | 535 50 |
| Sauk Rapids | 00 | 15 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 50 00 | 265 50 |
| St. Cloud | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1018 00 | 00 | 1018 00 |
| St. Paul | 149 30 | 80 20 | 00 | 20 00 | 00 | 09 | 6000 00 | 660 00 | 6914 50 |
| Two Rivers | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 700 00 | 00 | 705 00 |
| Union Grove | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 30 00 | 00 | 30 00 |
| Total | $ 897 52 | $ 623 40 | $ 163 99 | $ 347 87 | $ 20 45 | $ 84 82 | $51882 38 | $ 1872 51 | $55892 74 |

# NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo. | Dy. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Begun Labor. | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'cated. | Total. | BAPTISMS Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | P. Fay | 1874 | | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 12 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 13 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 32 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | P. Fay | 1874 | | 11 | 15 | 26 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 26 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | P. E. | 37 | 51 | 88 | 33 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 180 | 125 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | G. A. Hood | 1872 | | 7 | 15 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 48 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 20 | 21 | 41 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 75 | 60 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1873 | | 13 | 14 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 22 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | | 14 | 19 | 33 | 0 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | P. W. Howe | 1876 | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 10 | L. Kribs | 1873 | | 14 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 20 |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | N. Young | 1876 | | 11 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 20 |
| St. Olaff | 1876 | 6 | 18 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | | 10 | 17 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 10 | 29 | P. Fay | 1876 | | 6 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| 13 Churches | | | | 7 Ministers | | | 154 | 199 | 355 | 61 | 51 | 66 | 117 | 1 | 6 | | 8 | 28 | 10 | 643 | 446 |

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# NORTH'N PACIFIC CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benev. & Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $ 00 | $ 3 80 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 238 00 | $ 00 | $ 241 80 |
| Brainerd | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 3 00 | 2 26 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 515 00 | 00 | 920 26 |
| Duluth | 23 90 | 19 93 | 11 95 | 11 95 | 00 | 7 97 | 1 750 00 | 898 | 1 829 68 |
| Fergus Falls | 3 01 | 10 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 015 00 | 00 | 1 029 01 |
| Glyndon | | | | | | | 500 00 | | 500 00 |
| Hawley | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 210 00 |
| Maine | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 180 00 | 00 | 180 00 |
| Muskoda | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 50 00 | 00 | 50 00 |
| Park | 00 | 6 25 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 328 00 | 9 00 | 343 25 |
| Scambler | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 8 00 | 608 00 |
| St. Olaff | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 100 00 | 00 | 100 00 |
| Wadena | 00 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 75 |
| Total | $ 29 91 | $ 54 49 | $ 12 95 | $ 11 95 | $ 00 | $ 7 97 | $ 5 476 00 | $ 15 98 | $ 5 608 25 |

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Yr. | Mo | Dy. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Beg'n Lab'r | Installed. | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1875-6. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1875-6. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom. | Total. | BAPTISMS. Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath Schools. | Av'r Attend'ce S. S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Albert Lea** | 1872 | 10 | 23 | E. H. Alden | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 27 | 37 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 28 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 100 | 60 |
| **Austin** | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | 1875 | 56 | 95 | 151 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 193 | 130 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | ..... | ..... | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | I. F. Tobey | 1873 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 30 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 65 | 50 |
| Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 30 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 20 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 11 | 18 | 29 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 45 |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 35 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | ..... | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 16 | 19 | 35 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 127 | 60 |
| Dodge Center | 1875 | 6 | 6 | F. McCraken | 1875 | ..... | 8 | 19 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 150 | 107 |
| **Fairmont** | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 85 |
| **Faribault** | 1856 | 5 | 31 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 94 | 154 | 248 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 150 |
| **Freeborn** | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 12 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| **Guildford** | 1860 | 4 | ..... | C. E. Wright—No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| **Hartland** | 1874 | 8 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 79 | 57 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | I. F. Tobey —No report | 1875 | 1876 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | ..... | 49 | 62 | 111 | 25 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 125 | 75 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | 1876 | 14 | 28 | 42 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 250 | 178 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 5 | J. N. Powell | 1875 | ..... | 14 | 24 | 38 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | 5 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. C. Leonard | 1875 | ..... | 111 | 144 | 255 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 200 | 140 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | O. C. Dickerson | 1874 | ..... | 54 | 88 | 142 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 150 | 125 |
| **Prairieville, East** | 1861 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| **Providence** | 1869 | 9 | 10 | D. B. Eells | 1876 | ..... | 20 | 17 | 37 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| **Rose Creek** | 1872 | 9 | ..... | A. Morse | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 50 |
| South Bend | 1859 | 12 | ..... | T. G. Jones | 1876 | ..... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | Geo Johnson | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 21 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 60 | 45 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 16 | L. Loring | 1875 | ..... | 54 | 59 | 113 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 113 |
| Westford | 1871 | 4 | 9 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | 1876 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Winnebago Agency | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | ..... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | H. B. Tuttle | 1875 | ..... | 20 | 44 | 72 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 84 |
| 32 Churches | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 Ministers | ..... | ..... | 657 | 953 | 1610 | 172 | 109 | 95 | 204 | 16 | 49 | 17 | 82 | 48 | 24 | 2654 | 1839 |

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Mankato; Rev. L. Loring, Waseca; Rev. A. Morse, Austin.
REGISTRAR OF CONFERENCE:—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin.

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE.—Table 2. Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | $ 3 000 | $ 5 00 | $ 4 00 | $ 00 | $ 5 00 | $ 00 | $ 1 850 00 | $ 5 50 | $ 1 872 50 |
| Austin | 100 00 | 63 77 | 81 55 | 81 44 | 6 33 | 12 67 | 1 895 32 | 320 93 | 2 512 11 |
| Belgrade | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 350 00 | 00 | 350 00 |
| Brownsdale | 60 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 636 00 | 20 | 648 00 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 330 00 | 81 00 | 366 00 |
| " Goshen | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 115 00 | 5 00 | 120 00 |
| Cannon City | 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 317 00 | 00 | 325 00 |
| Chain Lake Center | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 00 | 00 | 80 00 |
| Claremont | 00 | 6 35 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 365 11 | 00 | 371 46 |
| Dodge Center | 00 | 3 65 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 8 40 | 441 80 | 50 00 | 503 85 |
| Fairmont | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 584 00 | 00 | 600 00 |
| Faribault | 70 73 | 53 65 | 9 58 | 65 21 | 10 24 | 00 | 2 150 00 | 118 93 | 2 478 29 |
| Freeborn | 00 | 8 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 260 00 | 00 | 268 50 |
| Guildford | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 275 00 | 15 00 | 3 00 00 |
| Lansing | | | | | | | | | |
| Mankato | 32 00 | 70 00 | 24 50 | 00 | 00 | 10 00 | 1 468 00 | 25 00 | 1 629 50 |
| Mantorville | 500 | 20 16 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 764 56 | 12 00 | 1 801 72 |
| Medford | 8 00 | 8 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 792 00 | 00 | 808 00 |
| Mountain Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | 00 | 245 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 45 |
| Northfield | 149 62 | 238 62 | 58 43 | 142 18 | 11 97 | 30 57 | 2 000 00 | 61 08 | 2 692 47 |
| Owatonna | 00 | 19 15 | 00 | 5 75 | 00 | 00 | 1 675 10 | 00 | 1 700 00 |
| Prairieville, East | 00 | 16 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 425 00 | 00 | 441 00 |
| Providence | 00 | 1 60 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 450 00 | 00 | 451 60 |
| Rose Creek | 1 64 | 14 14 | 1 64 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 381 93 | 5 00 | 406 35 |
| South Bend | 00 | 2 64 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 300 00 | 6 00 | 308 64 |
| Sterling | 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 00 | 618 00 |
| Waseca | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 400 00 | 48 00 | 1 448 00 |
| Westford | 00 | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 210 00 | 00 | 212 00 |
| Winnebago Agency | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 800 00 | 00 | 800 00 |
| Worthington | 00 | 21 63 | 22 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 110 00 | 00 | 1 153 63 |
| Total | $ 369.99 | $ 612 31 | $ 160 75 | $ 299 58 | $ 33 54 | $ 61 64 | $23 025 82 | $ 705 45 | $25 269 07 |

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | Number in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Yr. | Mo | Day | NAMES. | Begun labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissal. | Excom'n. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | | |
| Burns | 1876 | 7 | 26 | O. P. Champlin | 1875 | 1876 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | E. N. Raymond | 1876 | ..... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 25 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 21 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1872 | ..... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 7 | 26 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 9 | 14 | 23 | 0 | 12 | 11 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 9 | 6 | H. C. Simmons | 1874 | 1875 | 22 | 41 | 63 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 35 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | ..... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | ..... | 6 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 30 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | 1876 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 4 | 4 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| " —Bethel | 1872 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | ..... | 17 | 33 | 50 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 40 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | ..... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 25 |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 13 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| 14 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | | | 104 | 170 | 274 | 17 | 77 | 63 | 140 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 465 | 341 |

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.—Rev. H. C. Simmons, Marshall; Rev. O. A. Starr, Montivedeo; Rev. J. L. Fonda, Morris.

REGISTRAR OF CONFERENCE.—Rev. O. P. Champlin, Sleepy Eye, Brown County.

# WESTERN CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burns | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | | | |
| Granite Falls | 4 00 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | $ 200 00 | $ 00 | $ 209 00 |
| Hancock | 2 55 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 225 50 | 00 | 230 80 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 1 42 | 5 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 265 00 | 00 | 271 42 |
| Lamberton | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 103 00 | 3 00 | 106 00 |
| Marshall | 5 74 | 22 50 | 00 | 5 74 | 00 | 00 | 650 00 | 10 00 | 698 98 |
| Marshfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Montevideo | 2 68 | 7 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 435 00 | 20 00 | 464 68 |
| Morris | 00 | 5 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 3 00 | 356 85 | 00 | 365 35 |
| Sleepy Eye | 5 00 | 11 10 | 00 | 3 50 | 00 | 2 70 | 900 00 | 14 00 | 936 30 |
| Tracy—Union | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 200 00 | 00 | 202 50 |
| " Bethel | 00 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 490 00 | 00 | 492 50 |
| Underwood | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 250 00 | 00 | 250 00 |
| Walnut Station | 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 600 00 | 5 00 | 606 00 |
| Total | $ 21 39 | $ 64 85 | $ 00 | $ 9 24 | $ 00 | $ 5 70 | $ 4 675 35 | $ 52 00 | $ 4 828 53 |

# WINONA CONFERENCE.—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Sept. 1st, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6. | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | Number in Sabbath Schools | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. | | | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Exc. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | | |
| | Yr. | Mo | Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 31 | C. A. Ruddock | 1874 | ..... | 34 | 37 | 71 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 100 | 70 |
| Douglas | 1870 | 8 | 28 | C. A. Ruddock | 1874 | ..... | 22 | 24 | 46 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 75 | 45 |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | H. Willard | 1874 | ..... | 9 | 12 | 21 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Granville | 1869 | 7 | 6 | Unsupplied. No report | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 21 | F. L. Fuller | 1875 | 1876 | 25 | 30 | 55 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 100 | 75 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | J. W. Ray | 1872 | 1872 | 33 | 84 | 117 | 25 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 112 | 75 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 75 |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 7 | 19 | S. H. Barteau | 1875 | ..... | 11 | 29 | 40 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 75 | 43 |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | H. Willard | 1863 | ..... | 48 | 80 | 128 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 200 | 120 |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | ..... | A. J. Drake. No report | 1875 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 3 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 41 | 89 | 130 | 36 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 141 | 71 |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 12 | W. W. Snell | 1855 | ..... | 15 | 27 | 42 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 40 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 28 | H. L. Craven, (Pres.) | 1875 | ..... | 10 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | C. W. Merrill | 1875 | ..... | 55 | 49 | 104 | 8 | 37 | 9 | 46 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 1 | 140 | 80 |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 26 | A. J. Drake | 1875 | ..... | 21 | 55 | 76 | 4 | 27 | 10 | 37 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 120 | 100 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. D. Todd | 1876 | ..... | 25 | 43 | 68 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 75 |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | Unsupplied | ..... | ..... | 70 | 157 | 227 | 0 | 25 | 6 | 31 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 0 | 295 | 220 |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | S. H. Barteau | 1870 | 1876 | 52 | 90 | 142 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| 18 Churches. | | | | 10 Ministers. | ..... | .... | 474 | 821 | 1295 | 131 | 153 | 74 | 227 | 6 | 61 | 1 | 68 | 65 | 8 | 1614 | 1089 |

**Conference Committee.**—Rev. J. W. Ray, Lake City; Rev. H. Willard, Plainview; Rev. W. W. Snell, Rushford.

**Registrar.**—Rev. W. W. Snell, Rushford.

# WINONA CONFERENCE.—Table 2.—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Cong'l Pub. Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Exp. | Other Objects | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | $ 00 | $30 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $ 00 | $906 00 | $ 00 | $936 00 |
| Douglas | 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 375 00 | 00 | 385 00 |
| Elgin | 6 00 | 6 00 | 00 | 8 40 | 00 | 00 | 150 00 | 00 | 170 40 |
| Granville | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 10 00 | 53 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 | 00 | 2 00 | 950 00 | 15 00 | 1,025 00 |
| Lake City | 72 20 | 72 60 | 00 | 50 95 | 00 | 00 | 1,670 00 | 135 16 | 2,000 91 |
| Lenora | 00 | 14 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 180 00 | 00 | 194 00 |
| Mazeppa | 6 80 | 10 00 | 4 80 | 8 65 | 00 | 00 | 275 00 | 00 | 304 75 |
| Plainview | 89 00 | 23 75 | 11 25 | 31 50 | 00 | 00 | 850 00 | 00 | 1,005 50 |
| Quincy | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 78 00 | 22 72 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1,380 00 | 17 85 | 1,498 57 |
| Rushford | 7 15 | 15 00 | 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 7 15 | 904 10 | 00 | 934 40 |
| Saratoga | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 150 00 | 00 | 150 00 |
| Spring Valley | 57 15 | 30 65 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1,188 90 | 00 | 1,226 70 |
| St. Charles | 3 00 | 12 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1,626 00 | 100 00 | 1,741 00 |
| Wabasha | 6 82 | 8 82 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 900 00 | 6 20 | 921 84 |
| Winona | 63 23 | 50 62 | 27 17 | 50 62 | 5 44 | 10 87 | 2,311 79 | 999 26 | 3,518 00 |
| Zumbrota | 60 00 | 36 00 | 17 49 | 21 50 | 12 40 | 00 | 1,400 00 | 23 05 | 1,570 44 |
| Totals | $457 85 | $375 16 | $65 71 | $189 62 | $17 84 | $20 02 | $15,166 79 | $1,296 53 | $17,589 51 |

# SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | Churches. | MINISTERS. | | | | | MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1876. | | | | ADDED, 1875-6 | | | REMOVED, 1875-6. | | | | BAPT'M | | SABBATH SHOOL. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates. | Without Charge. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Total. | Adult. | Infant. | Whole Number. | Av. Attendance. |
| Anoka | 31 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 674 | 1105 | 1779 | 199 | 158 | 120 | 278 | 16 | 90 | 9 | 85 | 73 | 41 | 2703 | 1925 |
| Northern Pacific | 13 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 54 | 199 | 353 | 61 | 51 | 66 | 117 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 10 | 643 | 445 |
| Owatonna | 32 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 26 | 657 | 953 | 1610 | 172 | 109 | 95 | 204 | 16 | 49 | 17 | 82 | 48 | 24 | 2654 | 1839 |
| Western | 14 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 104 | 170 | 274 | 17 | 77 | 63 | 140 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 465 | 341 |
| Winona | 18 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 463 | 792 | 1255 | 131 | 143 | 73 | 216 | 6 | 61 | 1 | 68 | 6 | 8 | 1539 | 1046 |
| Totals | 108 | 19 | 46 | 4 | 18 | 86 | 2052 | 3219 | 5271 | 580 | 538 | 417 | 955 | 41 | 224 | 28 | 293 | 227 | 99 | 8004 | 5596 |

**Excess of additions over removals, 662. Eleven churches—8 Congregational, 3 Union—have been organized this year. Blaenavon is charged to Tracy-Bethel; Shetek to Tracy Union; Butternut Valley to Butternut Valley-Salem. Chamberlain and Wahbeton are dropped.**

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 2—BENEV. AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CONFERENCES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. C. U. | A. M. A. | Congregat'l Pub. Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | $897 52 | $623 40 | $163 99 | $347 87 | $20 45 | $84 62 | $51,882 38 | $1,872 51 | $55,892 74 |
| Northern Pacific | 29 91 | 54 49 | 12 95 | 11 95 | 00 | 7 97 | 5,476 00 | 15 98 | 5,609 25 |
| Owatonna | 369 99 | 612 31 | 160 75 | 299 58 | 33 54 | 61 64 | 23,025 82 | 705 44 | 25,269 07 |
| Western | 21 39 | 64 85 | 00 | 9 24 | 00 | 5 70 | 4,675 35 | 52 00 | 4,828 53 |
| Winona | 457 85 | 375 16 | 65 91 | 182 61 | 17 84 | 20 02 | 15,166 79 | 1,296 52 | 17,582 51 |
| Totals | $1776 66 | $1730 21 | $403 40 | $851 26 | $71 83 | $179 95 | $100,226 34 | $3,942 45 | $109,182 10 |

Contributions to the six Congregational Societies, $4,983.56. The contributions of the Minnesota Female Cent Society to the A. H. M. S., and those of the Woman's Board to the A. B. C. F. M., are, in most cases, included in the column for other objects.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1876.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alden, E. H. | 1864, | 4, | 13 | Acting Pastor | Albert Lea | Owatonna. |
| Armstrong, R. S. | 1856, | 10, | 6 | " " | Winnebago Agency | " |
| Barnes, J. R | 1838. | | | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Barteau, S. H. | 1851, | 2, | 19 | Pastor | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Breed, C. C. | 1857. | | | Acting Pastor | Princeton | Aurora, Ill. |
| Burt, David | 1851, | 11, | 4 | State Supt. Pub. Ins't | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Cadwallader, John | 1862. | | | Evangelist | Lake City | " |
| Campbell, Gabriel | 1868, | 10, | 27 | Prof. State University | Minneapolis, E. D. | Northern. |
| Champlin, O. P. | 1870, | 7, | 10 | Pastor | Sleepy Eye | Owatonna. |
| Chaney, L. W. | 1852. | | | Pastor | Mankato | " |
| Chapin, N. C. | 1851, | 11, | 2 | Without Charge | Rochester | " |
| Clark, Nelson | 1844, | 7, | 16 | " " | Stillwater | Northern. |
| Cobb, L. H. | 1857, | 10, | 28 | Supt. A. H. M. Society | Minneapolis | " |
| Conant, C. A. | 1864, | 6, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Duluth | Hamp. E. Mass. |
| Dickerson, O. C. | 1857, | 3, | 16 | " " | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Douglass E. | 1855. | | | " " | Anoka | |
| Drake, A. J. | 1845. | | | " " | St. Charles | Winona. |
| Eels, D. B. | 1861. | | | " " | Mankato | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, | 2, | 27 | " " | Detroit | Northern. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876, | 6, | 13 | Pastor | Freeborn | Owatonna. |
| Fonda, J. L. | 1873, | 9, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Morris | Marshall. |
| Fuller, F. L. | 1843, | 9, | 8 | Pastor | Hamilton | Winona. |
| Gilbert, L. C. | 1840, | 7, | 16 | S. S. Pres. Ch. | Lone Tree, Brown Co. | Owatonna. |
| Gill, Wm. | 1863, | 5, | 26 | Acting Pastor | Mantorville | " |
| Graves, Alpheus | 1841. | | | " " | Glencoe | Garnavillo, Iowa. |
| Guyton, J. F. | 1869. | | | " " | Elk River | Central Kan. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, | 8, | 8 | Without Charge | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Hall, Sherman | 1831, | 5, | | Acting Pastor | Sauk Rapids | " |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hampton, C. A. | 1868. | | | Pastor Elect | Minnneapolis | Northern |
| Hart, E. J. | 1856, | 1, | 2 | Pastor | Cottage Grove | " |
| Hood, Geo. A. | 1869, | 9, | 30 | Acting Pastor | Fergus Falls | Ontario, N. Y. |
| Howe, P. W. | | | | " " | Glyndon | |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846. | | | Without Charge | Sterling | Owatonna. |
| Jenkins, D. | 1876, | 1, | 19 | Acting Pastor | Monticello | Northern. |
| Johnson, Geo. | 1872, | 11, | 13 | " " | Sterling | |
| Jones, T. G. | 1867. | | | " " | Butternut Valley | Welsh Cong'l Ass., Iowa. |
| Kellogg, S. H. | 1857, | 11, | 10 | " " | Swansea, Renville Co. | Elgin, Ill. |
| Kinne, T. C. | 1875, | 7, | 28 | Pastor | Longola, Benton Co. | Northern. |
| Kribs, Ludwic | 1841, | 1, | 5 | Acting Pastor | Hawley | N. Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1843, | 2, | 24 | Without Charge | Glenwood | Northern. |
| Leonard, D. L. | 1863, | 6, | 8 | Acting Pastor | Northfield | Hannibal, Mo. |
| Loring L. | 1862, | 7, | 9 | " " | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| McCraken, F. | 1875, | 12, | 3 | " " | Dodge Centre | " |
| Merrill, E. W. | 1864, | 4, | 5 | Without Charge | Spring Valley | Winona |
| Merrill, C. W. | 1873 | 10, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Spring Valley | " |
| Mills, T. A. | Licentiate. | | | " " | Perham | |
| Morse, Alfred | 1847, | 6, | 7 | " " | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Moses, L. H. | Licentiate. | | | " " | Walnut Station | Marshall. |
| Norton, W. W. | 1858. | | | " " | Alexandria | Northern. |
| Peregrine, Philip | 1861, | 3, | 10 | " " | Shetek, Lyon Co. | Marshall. |
| Pierce, N. H. | 1861. | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Pike, A. J. | 1859, | 3, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Sauk Centre | " |
| Powell, J. N. | 1847, | 4, | | " " | Medford | Owatonna. |
| Ray, J. W. | 1858, | 1, | 28 | Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Raymond, E. N. | 1862, | 9, | 24 | Acting Pastor | Granite Falls | Susquehanna, N. Y. |
| Roe, A. D. | 1867, | 2, | 5 | " " | Afton | St. Croix Valley, Con. |

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| Rosenkrans, D. W. | 1875, | 6, | 28 | Pastor | Little Falls | Northern. |
| Ruddock, C. A. | 1861, | 5, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Cannon River Falls | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Simmons, H. C. | 1872. | | | Pastor | Marshall | Marshall. |
| Simpson, Adam | 1876, | 10, | 1 | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842, | 3, | 24 | Without Charge | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, C. B. | 1851, | 10, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Excelsior | Northern. |
| Snell, W. W. | 1859, | 10, | 16 | " " | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr O. A. | 1871, | 4, | 6 | " " | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Stearns, J. G. D. | 1843, | 5, | 10 | Without Charge. | Zumbrota | Northern. |
| Stimson, H. A. | 1870, | 5, | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis | " |
| Strong, J. W., D. D. | 1862, | 9, | 28 | Pres't Carleton College. | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Strong, J. C. | 1846, | 11, | 16 | Without Charge | Chain Lake Centre | " |
| Terry, C. M. | 1871, | 11, | 2 | Pastor | St Paul | Northern. |
| Tobey, I. F. | 1873, | 7, | 17 | Acting Pastor | Brownsdale | Owatonna. |
| Todd, J. D. | 1860, | 1, | | " " | Wabasha | Winona. |
| Tuttle, H. B. | 1874. | | | " " | Worthington | Owatonna. |
| Twitchell, Royal | 1842, | 1, | 12 | Without Charge | New Munich | Northern. |
| Walcott, F. N. | Licentiate. | | | Missionary | Breckenridge | |
| Weld, Wm. M. | 1852, | 5, | 14 | Acting Pastor | Marine Mills | Northern. |
| Williams, E. M. | 1869, | 2, | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis E. D. | " |
| Williams, E. S. | 1864, | 6, | 10 | Pastor Elect | Minneapolis | " |
| Wilkinson, T. R. | 1876, | 11, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Atwater | |
| Willard, Henry | 1858, | 10, | 20 | " " | Plainview | Winona. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859, | 5, | 18 | Without Charge | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Wright, C. E. | 1875, | 6, | 2 | Pastor | Austin | " |
| Young, Nelson | 1843, | 1, | 19 | Acting Pastor | Scambler | Northern. |

# CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational Churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor, or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, enguged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meetings of this body may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress, and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and an Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the Second Thursday of October, at 7 o'clock P. M., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon, from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse; and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary or pastor of the church with which the Conference meets shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates of delegates shall be presented, and the names of the members enrolled, after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write upon it his name and the church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate, and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. Committees shall be appointed to propose place and preachers for the next meeting, on resolutions, revivals, printing and finance.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Conference shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing, and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. IV. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each Local Conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. V. Those officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for three years.

ART. VI. The Executive Committees shall be chosen annually by the Society, upon the nomination of the Local Conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the Local Conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make a written report to the Society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall consist of the chairmen of the several Executive Committees and two members at large, to be chosen annually by the Society. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold

a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents to the parent Society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. IX. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. X. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the Society.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *Provided* the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

# CARLETON COLLEGE,

—AT—

## NORTHFIELD, MINN.

English, Scientific, Literary and Classical Courses of Study, and a Musical Department.

ALL DEPARTMENTS OPENED TO STUDENTS OF EITHER SEX.

### CALENDAR FOR 1876–7.

Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 1876, Fall Term of fifteen weeks begins.
Vacation of two weeks.
Wednesday, January 3d, 1877, Winter Term of twelve weeks begins.
Vacation of one week.
Wednesday, April 4th, 1877, Spring Term of twelve weeks begins.
Anniversary Exercises, June 24th–27th, 1877.
Vacation of ten weeks.
Examinations to enter College, June 23d and September 4th, 1877.
Fall Term begins Wednesday, September 5th, 1877.

### COURSES OF STUDY.

The *Classical Course* embraces the usual four years of classical study, and requires three years of *Preparatory* work. The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon those who complete it.

The *Literary Course* occupies the same time as the Classical, and differs from it only by substituting literary and scientific studies for Greek. Its graduates will receive the degree of Bachelor of Literature.

The *Scientific Course*, omitting the Greek and five terms of Latin, gives greater prominence to the study of the sciences, and after two years of preparation, continues four years. Its graduates receive the degree of Bachelor of Science.

The *English Course*, extending over four years, is arranged for those whose time and means will not allow them to secure a thorough classical education. A certificate is given to those who complete this course.

While students are advised to enter upon some regular course, they are not required to do this, but may select from the different courses such studies as they may wish to pursue, due regard being paid to their present attainments, and the length of time to be spent in study.

### REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.

#### PREPARATORY AND ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS.

To *commence* the Preparatory Courses, or the English Course, only such advancement is required as will enable the student to pursue either with profit. The studies of the first term are Robinson's Higher Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Latin Grammar and Reader, or U. S. History.

To enter the *College Department*, students are examined in the following named branches:

*English*—Grammar, Ancient and Modern Geography, United States History.

*Mathematics*—Arithmetic, Olney's Algebra to Part III, Geometry, six books.

*Latin*—Harkness's Latin Grammar, Harkness's Latin Composition to Part III; Cæsar, two books; Cicero, six orations; Virgil, six books of the Æneid; Smaller History of Rome.

*Greek*—Crosby's Greek Grammar; Arnold's Greek Prose Composition, twenty sections; Xenophon's Anabasis, three books; Homer's Iliad, two books; Smaller History of Greece.

For full courses of study, reference is made to the Annual Catalogue.

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REV. GEO. A. HOOD, REV. H. C. SIMMONS, Scribes.

WILLIAM CHENEY, ESQ., Statistical and Rec. Secretary.

REV. N. C. CHAPIN. Cor. Secretary.

REV. D. L. LEONARD, Treasurer W. & O. Aid Society.

DAVID C. BELL, ESQ., Auditor.

REV. E. M. WILLIAMS. Treasurer.

## MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. J. W. STRONG, D. D., President.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# General Congregational Conference,

## OF MINNESOTA.

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The Twenty-second Annual Session of the Congregational hurches of Minnesota met at Faribault, Thursday evening, Octo-r 11th, 1877.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Merrill, of pring Valley. Text. Rom. 3: 23, John 17: 17, II. Tim. 4: 2.

Conference was called to order by Rev. D. L. Leonard, Chair-an of the business committee. Rev. Geo. A. Hood was chosen mporary Scribe.

On motion the Chairman appointed Revs. C. E. Wright, E. M. illiams and J. L. Fonda a committee on nomination of perma-ent officers.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 12th.

After a half-hour prayer-meeting led by Rev. C. A. Ruddock, onference was called to order by the Acting Chairman at 9 o'clock.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and the following ficers were elected:

*Moderator*—REV. D. BURT.
*Scribe*—REV. GEO. A. HOOD.
*Assistant Scribe*—REV. H. C. SIMMONS.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Business Committee then presented an order of exercises, which it was voted to adopt.

The committee consisting of Revs. C. E. Wright, E. M. Williams and J. L. Fonda was continued as a nominating committee during the session.

The completed roll of the members of the Conference is as follows:

| *Places.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
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| Afton, | A. D. Roe. | Mrs. Olive Haskell. |
| Albert Lea, | J. D. Todd, | |
| Anoka, | K. F. Norris, | |
| Audubon, | G. S. Houghton, | Dea. Fitch. |
| Austin, | C. E. Wright, | |
| Belgrade, | D. B. Eels. | A. Kirkland. |
| Benson, | | |
| Brainerd, | C. A. Conant, | C. L. Gates. |
| Brownsdale, | I. F. Tobey, | |
| Cannon City, | | John Hoover. |
| Cannon Falls, | B. F. Mills, | Wilbur Schofield. |
| Chain Lake Center, | Adam Simpson, | |
| Claremont, | F. McCraken, | |
| Clear Water, | N. Clark, | |
| Cottage Grove, | E. J. Hart, | Wm. Watson. |
| Detroit, | G. S. Pelton, | |
| Dodge Centre, | F. McCraken, | Mrs. F. McCraken. |
| Douglas, | B. F. Mills, | Ezek. Harrison. |
| Duluth, | C. A. Conant, | |
| Excelsior, | | J. W. Murray. |
| Fairmount, | Adam Simpson, | |
| Faribault, | W. B. Y. Wilkie, | R. A. Mott. |
| Glencoe, | Joseph Chandler, | |
| Glyndon, | G. S. Pelton, | |
| Granite Falls, | C. A. Ruddock, | |
| Hamilton, | F. L. Fuller, | |
| Hancock, | J. L. Fonda, | |
| Havelock, | O. A. Starr, | |
| Hutchinson, | Wm. Wilson, | |
| Lac Qui Parle, | O. A. Starr, | |

| | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
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| ıd, | A. D. Roe, | |
| ;o, | | C. C. Brown. |
| Mills. | F. N. Walcott, | Dea. Morgan May. |
| ll, | H. C. Simmons, | |
| ıth, Minneapolis, | | D. C. Bell. |
| " | E. M. Williams, | Jas. A. Kennedy. |
| " | E. S. Williams, | L. B. Graham. |
| ı, " | Geo. A. Hood, | Geo. H. Spry. |
| ideo, | O. A. Starr, | |
| :llo, | D. Jenkins, | |
| | J. L. Fonda, | |
| la, | G. S. Pelton, | |
| | A. Morse, | |
| eld, | D. L. Leonard, | M. W. Skinner. |
| na, | D. A. Morehouse, | Francis Thom. |
| ville, | T. R. Wilkinson, | |
| ew, | H. Willard, | J. Baldwin, |
| ville East, | | Mrs. F. Adams. |
| nce, | D. B. Eels, | |
| | A. J. Drake, | |
| :er, | G. P. Blanchard, | A. C. Smith. |
| reek, | A. Morse, | |
| rd, | W. W. Snell, | Wm. McKay. |
| Valley, | C. W. Merrill, | Mrs. C. W. Merrill. |
| rles, | A. J. Drake, | C. Bruer. |
| l, | | R. Hall. |
| ;ood, | H. C. Simmons, | |
| Grove, | T. R. Wilkinson, | |
| a, | G. S. Pelton, | |
| ı, | L. Loring, | Mrs. M. A. Whipple. |
| rd, | Adam Simpson, | |
| son, (Winnebago cy,) | R. S. Armstrong, | |
| ı, | John H. Morley, | Wm. H. Laird. |
| ngton, | H. B. Tuttle, | |
| ta, | | J. B. Locke. |

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, Superintendent for Minnesota of A. H. M. S., Minneapolis.
Rev. Jas. W. Strong, President of Carleton College, Northfield.
Rev. D. Burt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, St. Paul.
Rev. N. C. Chapin, Rochester.
Rev. S. H. Barteau, Zumbrota.
Rev. Austin Willey, Northfield.
Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, Zumbrota.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M., Chicago.
Rev. James Powell. " " A. M. A., "
Rev. A. S. Kedzie, Chicago Theological Seminary, "
Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Missionary A. B. C. F. M., Harpoot, Turkey.
Mrs. C. H. Wheeler. " " " "
Rev. John Hinton, District Secretary A. B. Society, Faribault.
Rev. S. B. Wilson, Faribault.
Rev. J. R. Barnes, Zumbrota.
Rev. W. W. Satterlee, Agent Minnesota Temperance Union, Minneapolis.
Prof. G. Campbell, State University, Minneapolis.
Prof. S. W. Clark, Rochester, N. Y.
Rev. E. P. Wild, Newport, Vermont.

Delegate R. A. Mott of Faribault, welcomed the Conference.

Prof. J. L. Noyes invited the Conference to visit the Deaf and Dumb Institute and the Blind Asylum.

*Voted*, to limit discussion of papers presented to five minutes.

A paper on "The Murphy Movement" was presented by Rev. G. P. Blanchard of Rochester; which was discussed by Revs. W. W. Satterlee, A. J. Drake, and Bro. Robt. Smith.

*Voted*, That the Moderator appoint a committee to prepare resolutions on Temperance, which shall appear in the Minutes.

Revs. D. L. Leonard, G. P. Blanchard, and Bro. D. C. Bell were appointed.

Sec. Powell then presented the claims of the A. M. A., and it was voted that Rev. D. L. Leonard be appointed by the Conference as State Secretary of the A. M. A.

The Annual Report of the President of Carleton College was presented, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [Appendix A.]

The committee to visit Carleton College presented their report, wich was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [Appendix B.]

*Voted*, That Rev. C. W. Merrill be requested to report the proceedings of Conference for the *Pioneer-Press*.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, Turkey.

Secretary Humphrey spoke in behalf of the A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. J. H. Morley of Winona, read a paper on "The Faults and Excellencies of Modern Preaching."

The Treasurer of Conference presented his report. [Appendix C.]

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence regretted an unavoidable failure to report.

The following committees were appointed for present session of Conference:

*On Resolutions*—Pres. J. W. Strong, Revs. A. D. Roe, R. S. Armstrong.

*On Reception of Churches*—Revs. G. P. Blanchard, C. A. Ruddock, A. Morse.

*On Place and Preacher*—Revs. L. Loring, I. F. Tobey, and Bro. L. B. Graham.

Prof. Noyes, Superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, was requested to bring some of his pupils before the Conference to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The M. E. Conference was invited to meet with us at 2:30 P. M., and also to participate in the Lord's Supper.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [Appendix D.]

Rev. H. C. Simmons read a paper, "What the Churches should undertake for the Young."

Conference then heard missionary C. H. Wheeler for Armenia, Rev. A. S. Kedzie for Chicago Theological Seminary, Rev. John

Hinton for the American Bible Society, and M. B. Lewis for the American S. S. Union.

Pres. Jas. W. Strong and R. J. Baldwin were appointed delegates to the National Council, with Rev. E. M. Williams and W. H. Laird alternates.

Adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

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FRIDAY EVENING, Oct. 12th.

HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.

Conference met according to adjournment, for a missionary meeting, which was led by Supt. L. H. Cobb.

After singing and prayer by Rev. J. D. Todd, addresses were made by Revs. Leonard, Merrill, Simmons, Starr, Fonda, Pelton, Snell, Ruddock, and by Mrs. C. H. Wheeler.

Revs. W. B. Y. Wilkie, D. L. Leonard, and Bro. J. L. Noyes, were appointed a committee on Sabbath services.

Adjourned to Saturday, 9 A. M.

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SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 13th.

After a prayer meeting of half an hour, led by Rev. W. W. Snell, Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Prof. Noyes introduced to the Conference a class of pupils from the Deaf and Dumb Institute, till 9:30.

The thanks of the Conference were voted to Prof. Noyes.

Conference then gave place to the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

Conference resumed its session at 11:30.

After singing, the report of the Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans' Aid Society was presented, and the financial part referred to the Auditor, Prof. J. L. Noyes, who reported it correct. [Appendix E.]

Revs. E. S. Williams, W. W. Snell and D. A. Morehouse were appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Trustees, and to consider the recommendations of the Treasurer. In accordance with their subsequent report, Rev. D. L. Leonard and Bro. D. C. Bell were appointed Trustees for three years; Revs. H. Willard and L. H. Cobb for two years; Bro. J. L. Noyes and Rev. E. S. Williams for one year, and it was voted that the amount of appropriations be determined by a majority of the Trustees. Rev. D. L. Leonard was elected the Treasurer of the Society.

The Sabbath services were announced as follows:

*In the Congregational Church—*

9 A. M., Missionary Meeting, led by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

10:30 A. M., Preaching by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

12 M., in place of the Sabbath School, a children's service, under the lead of Rev. C. H. Wheeler of Harpoot.

3 P. M., Communion Service.

4 P. M., Address by Mrs. C. H. Wheeler.

7 P. M., Closing Exercises.

*In the Baptist Church—*

10:30 A. M., Rev. K. F. Norris.

*Cannon City—*

10:30 A. M., Rev. R. S. Armstrong.

Rev. L. H. Cobb having been appointed a Committee on Salutations to the M. E. Conference, presented his report.

The Treasurer of Conference was instructed to assess the churches five cents per enrolled member.

Wm. Cheney was voted $10 for copying minutes.

D. C. Bell was appointed Auditor of Conference, and William Cheney, Recording Secretary.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 13th.

Conference met as per adjournment.

Upon invitation, the M. E. Conference visited this body, and spent an hour in fraternal greetings.

The Moderator's welcome was replied to by Bishop Andrews.

Addresses by Supt. Cobb and Rev. D. L. Leonard were responded to by Rev. E. R. Lathrop, of Faribault.

The following minute was adopted respecting Chicago Theological Seminary:

The statement concerning our Theological Seminary at Chicago, made by Rev. A. S. Kedzie, one of its Directors, we have heard with gratitude and yet with anxiety. The successful work of the Seminary during the nineteen years of its history; the qualifications of the men it has educated for the ministry; the foundations of the Seminary which the churches have laid, in its endowments and permanent fixtures; the need of the Seminary, both as an incentive to Christian young men for entering the ministry, and in educating them for it; also the magnitude and urgency of the work yet to be done in saving the world—are most weighty considerations. In view of them we resolve—

1st. That the Board of Directors of the Chicago Theological Seminary be urged to push all fitting means for giving the Seminary its highest efficiency.

2d. That our churches be urged to consecrate larger numbers of their Christion young men to the ministry.

3d. That our churches do what they can to relieve the Seminary in this temporary embarrassment.

Resolutions were adopted, as follows:

On Carleton College, on The Public Schools, on the Removal of the Grasshopper Plague, on Systematic Beneficence, on Temperance, on The A. B. C. F. M., on The A. H. M. S., on The A. M. A., on The A. S. S. U., on the A. B. S. [See Appendix F.]

The Committee on Reception of Churches presented their report, which was accepted, and the following churches enrolled:

Benson, Berlin, Breckenridge, Dexter, Havelock, Lake Park.

On motion, the annual statistics of the Conference were referred to Wm. Cheney for completion.

*Voted*, that the historical summary be printed in the Minutes annually.

Moved by Rev. E. M. Williams, that hereafter the Conference shall begin its annual session on Wednesday evening, instead of Thursday evening, to secure one day longer time. After a short discussion it was voted to lay the motion on the table for one year.

*Voted*, That the question of inserting an engraved Home Missionary map in the minutes be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rev. C. A. Conant read a paper on "Lessons from the Late Strikes."

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

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SATURDAY EVENING.

Conference called to order at 7:30.

After devotional exercises, Conference listened to a lecture from Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, upon the Turco-Russian war in its relation to missionary work in Armenia.

The Minutes of Conference were read and approved.

Adjourned to Sabbath evening.

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SABBATH EVENING, OCT. 14th.

Conference was called to order at 7 P. M.

The subject of the evening was "Encouragements and Helps." Addresses were made by Revs. Hood, Simpson, Barnes, Conant, Morley, and volunteers.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made a partial report of Rev. J. H. Morley for Preacher, and Rev. D. A. Morehouse alternate, which was accepted.

The following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our sincere thanks to the Congregational Church and people of Faribault, for the very warm welcome and kind hospitality extended to the members of this Conference; to the choir whose assistance in our public services has been so kindly rendered; and and to the various railroad companies which have made, for our benefit, reduction in their rates of fare.

It was responded to by Rev. W. B. Y. Wilkie.

The Committee on Revivals presented their report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

D. BURT, Moderator.
GEO. A. HOOD, Scribe.
H. C. SIMMONS, Ass't Scribe.
WM. CHENEY, Rec. Secy.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Sociecy was called to order in the Congregational Church at Faribault, Oct. 13, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., President J. W. Strong in the chair.

After prayer by Rev. D. L. Leonard, Rev. A. D. Roe was elected temporary Scribe, and the Nominating Committee of the Conference was authorized to act in the same capacity for the Missionary Society. Bro. D. C. Bell was appointed Auditor.

Superintendent L. H. Cobb then presented his report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. [Appendix H.]

The report of the Treasurer was presented, audited and accepted. [Appendix J.]

Brief reports on fellowship meetings were received from the committees of the several divisions.

The District Conferences presented the following nominees for Executive Committees of said bodies, and they were duly confirmed, and also authorized to act as committees on fellowship meetings:

*Anoka Conference*—H. A. Stimson, E. M. Williams, Geo. A. Hood.

*Northern Conference*—C. A. Conant, G. S. Pelton.

*Western Conference*—J. L. Fonda, H. C. Simmons, O. P. Champlin.

*Owatonna Conference*—L. W. Chaney, C. E. Wright, L. Loring.

*Winona Conference*—J. H. Morley, Henry Willard, W. W. Snell.

E. S. Williams and E. M. Williams were elected as members-at-large of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors were constituted a committee to examine the minutes of the Society for the past years, and if found correct, to certify them for permanent record.

Prayer was then offered, and the Society adjourned.

A. D. ROE,
Temporary Scribe.

# APPENDICES.

## (A.)

### CARLETON COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Notwithstanding the general "hard times", the burdensome "grasshopper" and the partial wheat harvest of 1876, the Academic Year closing in June last, was one of prosperity and progress. In attendance there was a slight decrease in the English Department, but in the Preparatory and Collegiate Departments there was an increase over any preceding year. The number of different students was 226, of whom 84 were ladies. Thirty-three counties of Minnesota, six other States; nine nationalities and eight religious denominations, were represented. Thirteen teachers were employed, though three of these gave only a part of their time to the College.

The four courses of study,—the English of four years, the Scientific of six years, and the Literary and Classical of seven years each,—seem, with the musical instruction afforded, to meet quite well the wants of students. While entrance upon some one of these regular courses is advised, this is not required, but students may select from them for any term, such branches as are taught; due regard being paid to present attainments.

The receipts for current expenses, more than half being from interest on the endowment fund, were $15,663.74; exceeding by a small amount the expenditures for the year. The additions to the endowment have been $2,125. Of the $20,467.81 reported to the last Conference as pledged within the State to endow a chair of Physical Science, more than one-half, $11,168.46, has been paid, and most of the unpaid pledges are bearing interest.

During the year valuable additions have been made to the library, to the geological cabinet, and to the chemical, philosophical and anatomical apparatus. Most noteworthy among them is a collection of corals and shells, a well-mounted human skeleton, and a life-size manakin, imported directly from Paris. The chemical laboratory has been much enlarged, and the facilities for studying chemical analysis greatly increased. A fine portrait of J. L. Heywood, the "Heroic Cashier," who was for two years Treasurer of the College, has been placed in the Library by one of the Trustees.

The last year was the tenth of our academic life. During seven years there have been students in the regular College Course of study. The total number of different students during these ten years, has been 793, of whom thirty-four have been connected with the College Department. There has been a constant aim to maintain a high standard of instruction and of scholarship, and to make each year's work better than that of the preceding year. We have repeated proofs that our students take the same rank in New England colleges, which they held in Carleton, and that there they stand among the very first in their classes. But we are experiencing the difficulties which usually pertain to a young college in a new State. Very few, comparatively, desire a liberal education, and of that few a good portion prefer to graduate at some Eastern college. Of those not in the regular college classes, but few can be kept at study long enough to complete any extended course. But we look forward confidently to a change in these respects. It may require many years, but it will surely come.

Among the teachers of this institution there is oneness of aim and spirit, a cordial co-operation quite marked, and deserving special mention. Personal preferences are willingly subordinated to the good of the whole, and to the highest success of the institution. Among the students, also, there has been, in general, a good degree of earnestness in study, and regard for correct deportment. Special religious interest was manifested immediately after the "Day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges," and in connection with special meetings then held in the city. As has been the case each year since the founding of the college, several hopeful conversions occurred. The daily and weekly prayer meetings have been regularly and well sustained.

At the last meeting of the Board a valuable addition to the corps of instructors was made by the election of John B. Clark, A. M., a graduate of Amherst College in 1872, to the chair of Political Economy and History. Professor Clark entered upon his professorship at the beginning of this Fall Term, four weeks since. The new year has opened with 170 students in the different departments. The Freshman class numbers seventeen.

Mention should be made in this report, of the death of our munificent benefactor, William Carleton of Charlestown, Mass., who, in the eightieth year of his age, departed this life, Dec. 5th, 1876. His benevolence began early in life, and increased with his income; embracing in its objects not only the poor near at hand but the needy far away. To his own church, to Foreign Missions, to Home missions, to the cause of Education at the West and the South, his gifts were very large. Not to mention subsequent donations to our treasury, in the Spring of 1871, our College received from him, without any condition, the sum of *fifty thousand dollars*. The Board of Trustees unanimously requested his permission to bestow his name upon the institution.

Mr. Carleton was quiet and simple in his manners, retiring in disposition yet decided in character, unswerving in integrity and earnest in Christian faith. In warmth of sympathy and kindness of heart, he was, as his many deeds of benevolence proved, a true philanthropist. The death of such a generous and noble-hearted citizen is a public loss. The friends of our College can never cease to be grateful for his most timely gifts, which at once gave to it the assurance of life and permanent usefulness; nor cease to honor the memory of a benefactor in whom so many of the Christian virtues were nobly exemplified.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. STRONG,
Pres. of Carleton College.

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## (B.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.

Your Committee to visit Carleton College have performed their duties to the best of their ability, and can truly say that they are highly gratified with what they have seen of the institution.

No one can attend upon the recitations and examinations without being impressed with the thoroughness of the instructions given, the earnest devotion of the faculty to their work, and the generally pleasant and wholesome atmosphere of the place. The workings of the institution all lie open to inspection; the faculty being conscious, evidently, that they are doing, if not a perfect, at least a genuine and honest work, and desiring to become as nearly perfect as possible.

The most marked feature, perhaps, of the institution, is its *religious character*. A daily prayer-meeting of a quarter-hour is maintained the year around, besides two or three weekly meetings. Indeed, there seems to be a revival influence all the time, and conversions are constantly occurring.

This feature of the institution ought to commend it most heartily to all who have children to educate, and to all who have the welfare of society at heart; for all true education must recognize the fact that men have a *spiritual* nature and *religious* wants which must be met, and that the welfare of the State demands the inculcation of religious principles in the minds of the young.

Education *alone*, culture *alone*, will not secure good citizens nor good morals. The restraints and inspiration of religious faith are necessary.

This is the aim of this institution. While it is wholly devoid of all sectarian spirit, it seeks to inculcate religion, and to lead its pupils to Christ, the great Teacher.

We have reason to rejoice that we have such a noble, Christian institution in our midst.

It is very evident that the institution is making a steady advance, both in the character and extent of its work. The faculty are awake to whatever defects

there may be, and are aiming to remedy them. They aim to be abreast with the times in the matter of education. An advance has been made this year, especially in the Scientific Department. The faculty has been enlarged, also, by the addition of Prof. John B. Clark. We believe that the expectations of the churches in founding this institution are being realized.

Nothing is wanting to Carleton College but sufficient funds to hold on as it has begun, and to enlarge its work as necessity requires.

In conclusion, we would recognize with profound gratitude, the rich blessing of God upon this institution for the last ten years, and we would heartily commend it to your prayers and sympathies, and to the continued support and patronage of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WRIGHT,
LEVI LORING,
F. McCRAKEN,
L. L. WHEELOCK,
Committee.

## (C.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

MINNESOTA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE,
In account with E. M. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

| 1876. | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| Dec. 5—To Rev. R. Hall, Statistical Secretary | $ | 7 00 |
| Dec. 31—To postal cards, $1.33; printing do., $1.75 | | 3 08 |
| 1877. | | |
| Jan. 2—Minn. Tribune Co., printing 1,500 "Minutes" | | 140 80 |
| Postage and expressage to May 16, items | | 8 13 |
| Oct. 11—To bill printing for Business Committee | | 10 50 |
| Total expenses | | $169 51 |

| 1876. | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 16—By cash balance from last year | $ | 4 25 |
| Dec. 26— " " advertisement for Carleton College | | 5 00 |
| May 16— " " assessment on the churches | | 141 62 |
| Total receipts | | $150 87 |
| Oct. 1—Balance due Treasurer | | 18 64 |
| | | $169 51 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, except as to items of expressage and postage.

D. C. BELL,
Auditor.

FARIBAULT, Oct. 13, 1877.

## (D.)

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION, OCT. 11, 1877.

This report relates to those churches only which receive no missionary aid. The number of these is twenty-three. Two have become self-supporting within the year—Minneapolis Second and Spring Valley, with enlargement and heightened efficiency consequent upon their courageous venture. To throw away the crutches at the right time strengthens the weak knees; and the right time is earlier than timid mistrust dares to believe. The lame hearing the summons, "rise, and walk", and in fearless faith complying, appear soon not walking only, but leaping and praising God. Weak churches get strength by daring to be strong.

"*Possunt quia posse videntur.*"

Four churches are now without regular ministerial supply. Ten have pastors duly installed. Ministerial changes have been many, as, let it be sorrowfully said, is the bad fashion of our day. Stability, strong life, healthy and sturdy growth, well-organized and effective work demand a marriage of pastor and people which shall not suffer easy divorce.

The financial distress of the year threatened to cripple our churches, yet in most cases there has been advance rather than decline. The recent rich harvest should bring relief to our embarrassed churches, and bring out larger resources for use in church work and in the ministry of Christian beneficence.

Better than further attempt to summarize will be a brief notice of each of these churches.

Anoka, two months since received Rev. K. F. Norris as acting pastor. An increased attendance in prayer meeting and Sunday School promises well; so, also, does the meeting each week of a few earnest disciples with the pastor, for special prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. After a time of discouragement the outlook is hopeful.

Austin, Rev. C. E. Wright, pastor, reports a work of grace, with twenty added to the church. This church is striking bravely to rid itself of debt, in grateful memory of the year's bountiful harvest.

Cannon Falls, with which Douglas is yoked, has Rev. B. F. Mills as acting pastor in place of Rev. C. A. Ruddock. Temperance work is said to have largely monopolized Christian effort,—a good work, but, surely, not the sole, supreme work of the church.

At Cottage Grove, Pastor E. J. Hart has relinquished definite salary, and receives only the voluntary Sabbath offerings of the people. Mission Sunday Schools are sustained, and an effective Woman's Prayer Meeting. Nine have come into the church by confession—all, save one, children of the covenant. In spite of financial embarrassment, the year has brought real and precious gain.

Excelsior sends no report.

Faribault has had Rev. W. B. Y. Wilkie as acting pastor for the larger part of the year. The general aspect of church affairs is promising. Fifteen have been received, five by confession. Hard work has been done in the Sunday Schools, two of which are Mission Schools.

Lake City gives no report. Rev. J. W. Ray has been dismissed, and Rev. Mr. Fisk has been called.

Mazeppa is not reported. Rev. W. M. Weld is in charge.

Minneapolis First, Rev. E. M. Williams pastor; the oldest of our churches; celebrated its Quarter-Centennial last November. The presence of the first pastor, Rev. Charles Seccombe, added to the interest of the occasion. It served good purpose in strengthening church feeling and stimulating Christian zeal and activity, and was in every way pleasant and productive. A few young persons were added to the church, but there was no gain in numbers, the dismissions nearly equalling the additions; yet there has been real growth in harmony, Christian character and the spirit of self denial.

Minneapolis Second, Rev. E. S. Williams, pastor, has ceased to lean on the Home Missionary Society—has steadily increased its membership—sustains "a monthly Conversational Prayer Meeting", by the active help of the ladies. The Mission Sunday Schools are sustained. "A year of blessing" the pastor calls it.

Plymouth, of Minneapolis, makes no report. The only fact at my command is of common fame, and is altogether satisfactory, viz., that the pastor, Rev. H. A. Stimson, has made his life larger and richer, and completed his qualifications for the office and work of Bishop, by becoming the husband of one wife.

Northfield reports a good year, under Pastor D. L. Leonard,—a year of increased activity and and of large accessions to the Church—forty in all, twenty-five on confession. Frequent services have been held in neighboring schoolhouses. There have been five Sunday-schools, with thirty-five teachers and 500 scholars. Church and College are in sympathy and mutually helpful. At Waterford, a few miles away, a church edifice has been built at a cost of $1,200. Benevolent contributions have been liberal.

At Owatonna, Rev. D. A. Morehouse has served as acting pastor in place of Rev. O. C. Dickerson. General improvement is reported, prayer-meetings largely attended and Sunday school prosperous; tone of spiritual life deepening. A new bell has been procured, and other improvements of church property have been effected, at a cost of $900.

Plainview, Rev. H. Willard, pastor, enjoyed a special work of grace last spring. Forty-four were added on confession. Elgin is no longer joined with Plainview, and has no supply.

Rochester, after a half year without Sabbath services, engaged Rev. G. P. Blanchard, who has been installed. Special meetings were held early in the year, with apparent profit and a few additions to the Church. Much and successful temperance work has been done. The city voted no license at the last election, but there is still drinking and drunkenness seen. Law is efficient, but not sufficient.

Sauk Rapids. Rev. Sherman Hall, pastor, has had manifold discouragements, the Church enfeebled, its resources reduced. The venerable pastor has labored on with a mere pittance of salary, and deserves all honor for such brave service.

Spring Valley, Rev. C. W. Merrill, acting pastor, has gained forty members, thirty by confession. This church has come up into self support, and under the stimulus of this successful effort has spent nearly $2,000 in enlarging and refitting the sanctuary. Benevolent offerings have also been more than doubled. Three week-day meetings are held, and the spiritual life of the Church thrives. Courage, faith and energy have wrought great things. Temperance work has been pushed on vigorously.

St. Cloud has been and is without a pastor, and seems unable to support one without Home Missionary aid. This the Church is ashamed to ask, having once undertaken self-support. The people have worshiped with the Methodists and aided in support of their pastor. This co-operation is now given up. It is to the credit of this Church that prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools have been regularly sustained. Seven new members have been received on confession.

St. Paul, Plymouth Church has been obliged to give up its much-loved pastor, Rev. C. M. Terry, because of failing health. The Church has had a prosperous year.

Winona has welcomed a new pastor, Rev. John H. Morley, installed March, 1877. Eight have been received on confession. There is increased earnestness in Christian work. Prayer-meetings largely attended, and Sunday-school prosperous. A new house of worship is needed, and will probably be built soon.

Zumbrota is without pastor, Rev. S. H. Barteau having resigned some months since. Church services are sustained with good attendance, and the Sunday school flourishes. General improvement for the last few months is reported.

These reports are in the main cheering, and should inspire gratitude and kindle hope and send our churches forth with high and brave resolve upon larger undertakings for Christ and His Kingdom.

Noteworthy are growth and outward prosperity of our Sunday schools. May the question be ventured, are we doing best work by this agency, and winning real successes? Ought we not to work for and expect, and by God's promised blessing, ensure a regular ingathering to the Church from these scholars? Are they with us to have a good time and get some biblical instruction? Only for this? Is it not rather our opportunity and duty to draw them to Christ at once, and train them for place and power in the Church, that being planted in the house of the Lord, they may flourish in the courts of our God? It is in the Christian home first, then in the Sunday school, that our churches are to find the fresh life they shall make their own, and ensure normal, healthy church growth, in numbers and strength.

In the work of suppressing intemperance, our churches have co-operated with other agencies in the vigorous campaigns of the year. This is legitimate church work, to be pushed on, not in spasms of zeal, but steadily and with special and persistent care for reformed men who must depend on Christian sympathy and support, and on the grace of Heaven for the permanent conquest of old appetite. Also that training of the young which shall brace them for self-control and set them fast in right principle, is to be reckoned a chief charge laid upon our churches. This is to be deemed the wisest and surest of all methods of action for the stable triumph of true temperance principles.

The reports of the year come burdened with the one great need of the presence and power of God the Spirit to develop larger Christian life, to inspire pastors and people with wisdom to plan and courage to attempt great things; also to put potency and sure efficiency into all preaching and prayer, and Christian effort for winning souls to God, and making homes and communities Christian.

This great need the Spirit of life and power is waiting to supply, if only we were waiting, open-hearted, pliant, ready to catch his inspirations and yield to his promptings. When this is our attitude how surely the work of God in our hands and in ourselves will go grandly forward.

N. C. CHAPIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

In account with S. H. BARTEAU, Treasurer.

| 1876. | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 20—Collections at Austin | | $ 24 25 |
| Nov. 4—Interest of P. M. Green | | 40 00 |
| 1877. | | |
| July 12—Interest of P. M. Green | | 39 32 |
| Cash balance from last year | | 21 |
| | | $103 78 |
| 1876. | Cr. | |
| Dec. 13—Paid to Mrs. Stallcop (voucher 10) | $ 20 00 | |
| Dec. 21—Paid to Mrs. Bigelow (voucher 11) | 40 00 | |
| 1877. | | |
| Oct. 1—Loan to B. Dunning, of Hastings, endorsed note, 12 per cent. interest; time, one year, but payable at any time "on call," after 90 days' notice | 40 00 | |
| Postage to date | 28 | |
| Cash in the treasury | 3 50 | |
| | | $103 78 |

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY, OCT. 1, 1877.

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| One share "Advance" stock | |
| Note of Green, secured by mortgage | $572 00 |
| Accrued interest, not due | 17 16 |
| Endorsed note of Dunning | 40 00 |
| Cash in hand | 3 50 |
| | $632 66 |

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. BARTEAU,
Treasurer.

## (F.)

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we recognize with profound gratitude the rich blessing of God upon Carleton College during the last ten years, and that we earnestly commend this institution to the sympathy and patronage of all our churches.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, The ministers of the Congregational churches in colonial times and during the subsequent growth of our States have been among the originators and active supporters of popular education, and

WHEREAS, maintaining this historic reputation, we, as citizens rather than under any clerical assumption, would declare our purpose to encourage and sustain the free public schools of Minnesota; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendment to our Constitution, the design of which is to withhold State school funds from schools in which the distinctive tenets of any particular church may be taught, should place the tenets of atheism and assaults upon the Bible under the same bann.

*Resolved*, That the culture of our public schools need not be made irreligious in this purpose to preserve them from sectarianism, including atheistic control, and that we shall insist upon moral instruction for the children of our public schools in accordance with our character as a Christian rather than a heathen nation.

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*Resolved*, That in the removal of the plague of grasshoppers from our State we devoutly acknowledge the merciful hand of our God, who "heareth and answereth prayer." That in the bountiful harvest vouchsafed we recognize the goodness of our Heavenly Father, calling us to a new consecration of ourselves to Him, and special gifts of our substance to His cause.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly urge upon all our churches, whether self-supporting or receiving Home Missionary aid, the duty of systematic beneficence, and we express the hope that those churches which have not done so, will adopt substantially the plan of contributions recommended by the Conference of 1872, and published annually in our minutes.

*Resolved*, That, at the present time, the work of the American Missionary Association has a peculiar claim on every thoughtful citizen, and especially on every Christian. In His Providential dealing with this nation, God has laid both a solemn duty and a joyful privilege before us, which we dare not overlook. As we are "bound up in the bundle of life" with our Indian, Chinese and Negro brothers, we must remember that if one member suffers, *all* the members must suffer also.

*Resolved*, That the empty treasury of the A. H. M., with all the suffering which that fact implies, forms a striking contrast with the overflowing harvests of the past summer, and makes an eloquent appeal to every member of our churches. We cannot neglect our own field and be guiltless.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice most heartily in the successful financial issue of the recent meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, but at the same time feel a measure of shame, that the slackness or indifference of the churches should occasion this anxiety and distress, which is becoming far too frequent. The history of our benevolent societies for the past year suggests and emphasizes the importance of an intelligent system of giving for Christ's sake, and as an indispensable part of the Christian life.

A. B. SOCIETY.

*Resolved*, That we recognize the importance of the work of the American Bible Society, in its present plan for searching out and supplying the needy of every class with the Scriptures, and that we heartily commend the Society to the churches, and advise their earnest co-operation in the work.

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*Resolved*, That we, heartily endorse the American Sunday School Union in its work of establishing and sustaining undenominational Sunday schools in our State; and that we desire the success of this Society in its efficient work.

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TEMPERANCE.

*Resolved*, 1st, We cannot overestimate and are in greatest danger of failure to appreciate the appalling evils resulting from drinking habits and liquor traffic.

*Resolved*, 2d, Zeal for the Master and love for our own fellow men call for constant renewal of temperance effort, and for the unwearied use of every instrumentality likely to rescue the fallen and to keep others from falling.

*Resolved*, 3d, We recognize among temperance measures two kinds, those which are moral and those which are legal, distinct in character, but to be carried forward side by side, and which cannot be put asunder without fatal harm to both, since instruction, pledging and all good influence will be ineffectual if existing temptations remain, and the best legislation will be useless unless it be the expression of an enlightened and Christian public sentiment.

*Resolved*, 4th. Temperance effort is a part of the organic life of a church and should have a place in the planning of every year, at regular and frequent intervals should be brought up for consideration in sermons, discussions, Sabbath school and concert exercises, and by means of songs, papers, books and judicious circulation of the pledge.

*Resolved*, 5th. That Christian ministers and laymen together have duties most solemn to be performed in the caucus and at the polls, in the choice of local officers and legislators whose personal and official influence shall make for temperance, and that the task of the churches will not be finished until by legal enactment every saloon shall be finally closed.

## (G.)

## COMMITTEES.

*Business Committee*—Revs. J. H. Morley, C. W. Merrill and Bro. H. W. Page.

*On Finance and Printing*—Revs. E. M. Williams, Geo. A. Hood, J. L. Fonda.

*On Arrangements*—Minister of Church which entertains Conference, Revs. J. H. Morley, C. W. Merrill, and Bro. H. W. Page.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, C. A. Conant, and Bro. D. C. Bell.

*On Revivals*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, H. B. Tuttle, Adam Simpson.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. D. Burt, C. W. Merrill, W. W. Snell, D. A. Morehouse, and Bro. D. C. Bell.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF MINN. H. M. SOCIETY.

*Anoka Conference*—H. A. Stimson, E. M. Williams, Geo. A. Hood.

*Northern Conference*—C. A. Conant, G. S. Pelton.

*Owatonna Conference*—L. W. Chaney, C. E. Wright, L. Loring.

*Western Conference*—J. L. Fonda, H. C. Simmons, O. P. Champlin.

*Winona Conference*—J. H. Morley, H. Willard, W. W. Snell.

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## (H.)

## REPORT OF SUPT. OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Fifty-six missionaries, six of them new men, besides three theological students, who have worked three months each, have been employed in the State, since our last Conference. Their fields of labor have covered from one to six points each. One hundred and forty-six places have had preaching, by these missionaries, statedly, or occasionally. The same number of churches as last year—eighty-two—have received missionary aid.

CHURCHES NOT AIDED.

Last year, twenty-two churches, that had service, were reported as drawing no missionary aid. To-day we can report eleven more, that draw no aid, making thirty-three in all. The eleven are as follows: (1) ELK RIVER, a Union Church, that has not united with the State or Local Conference, but has been reported because organized by us, and aided in the support of its missionary, Rev. G. F. Guyton, for about ten months. It is now supplied by a Baptist Brother, Rev. C. W. McConnell, the people paying his salary. (2) LANSING, organized ten years since,—one of those towns that seem doomed to constant loss by emigra-

tion. The church of twelve members has, this year, united with the M. E. Church of the place in the support of the M. E. pastor, Rev. F. L. Tuttle. The church has lost two members by death, and added none by profession or letter, though several in our families have been hopefully converted. They can be supplied by us, only in connection with Brownsdale or some other neighboring church. (3) MARINE MILLS, a thrifty community, who, upon hearing Rev. F. N. Walcott a single Sabbath, gave him a unanimous call, and pledged his entire support. (4) MAZEPPA, for several years yoked with Zumbrota, and under the care of Rev. S. H. Barteau. Upon the completion of their house of worship, the church felt the need of a separate pastor. At the close of Bro. Barteau's year, Rev. W. M. Weld, of Marine, accepted a call from them. The feeling of the church, at first, was, that they could not raise the entire salary. Finding the A. H. M. treasury so empty that they must "yoke" again with Zumbrota, or pay their own pastor, they chose the latter, and are doing nobly. (5). THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL, MINNEAPOLIS, under the energetic lead of Bro. Williams, has doubled its membership, its audience, its Sabbath school, its courage and its contributions, in two years. In some of these particulars, the double is nearer triple. The church decides to go alone. It has grown rich by giving. (6) EAST PRAIRIEVILLE and (7) CANNON CITY, supplied only a few Sabbaths this year, are now looking for a man on whom they can unite and support without H. M. aid. (8) SARATOGA, as last year, has been supplied by Rev. H. L. Craven, (Pres.) This church, and (9) QUINCY unite with S. Charles in self-support. (10) SPRING VALLEY, which reached its twenty-first anniversary May 23, and observed it with special services, came to actual self-support in March, 1877. It has enlarged and refitted its house of worship at a cost of $1,700. It has added more than eighty to its membership since Jan. 1, 1876. (11) STERLING, releasing Bro. Johnson, after two years' faithful service, goes back to its former pastor. Rev. N. A. Hunt, and propose to pay him what he is to receive.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

*Benson*, Swift County, Oct. 19, 1876, 10 members.
*Breckenridge*, Wilkin County, Oct. 27, 1876, 14 members.
*Havelock*, Chippewa County, July 13, 1877, 11 members.
*Berlin*, Steele County, July 27, 1877, 9 members.
*Lake Park*, Becker County, Aug. 9, 1877, 10 members.
*Dexter*, Mower County, Sept. 5, 1877, 8 members.
Six churches, sixty-two members.

GAINS AND LOSSES.

The Missionary churches, as far as reported, have added 394 by profession: 168 by letter; 562 in all; 85 have been dismissed to other churches; 22 have died: 14 have been excommunicated; net gain, 441.

H. M. EXPENDITURE.

The A. H. M. S. has expended about $20,793 in the State, this year, being an average of $253 to each aided church.

CHURCHES NOT WORKED.

(1) GRANVILLE, having now but eight members, worships with, and helps support the M. E. pastor. (2) GUILFORD—Nearly all now left of this church worship with Bro. Wright's church at Austin, or with the Presbyterian church at Sumner. (3) GREENWOOD, has but one resident member, Father Lathrop, formerly the missionary there. (4) MOUNTAIN LAKE—Those in this church who have not been eaten out by the locusts have mostly sold out to the Mennonites, several hundred of whom have located in the county.

NEW MEN.

Rev. William Wilson, Hutchinson and Preston Lake.
Rev. Edmund C. Ingalls, Benson.
Rev. P. S. Smith, Alexandria and Osakis.
Rev. George S. Pelton, Glyndon, Muskoda, Audubon, Detroit, Wadena.
Rev. Cyrus Stone, Dexter and Grand Meadow.
Rev. D. Goodsell, Fergus Falls.
Rev. B. Fay Mills, Cannon Falls and Douglas.
Rev. C. M. Woodbridge, Breckenridge.

VACATION WORK.

Mr. D. Goodsell, a member of New Haven Theological Seminary, came to Lac Qui Parle June 1, worked two months to the satisfaction of the people, and then went on call of the Church to Fergus Falls, till a permanent supply could be secured. The Church, with almost entire unanimity, called him to remain, and he has accepted, and was ordained Oct. 2.

Mr. Jarvis Richards, of Andover Theological Seminary, spent twelve weeks at Princeton and Baldwin, did excellent work, and won the highest esteem of all.

Mr. E. N. Ward, from the same seminary, spent twelve weeks with the church at Gilmanton. He showed himself a workman that needed not to be ashamed either as preacher of the Gospel, or as a carpenter at work on the chapel which this church has now within fifty dollars of completion.

To this class should be added Mr. B. F. Mills, who has supplied some four months at Granite Falls, the people paying his salary.

OTHER HELPERS.

Brethren Henry Plant and George B. Bradbury, of Minneapolis; Robert Smith, of St. Paul; M. B. Lewis, of Red Wing; D. H. Mason, of Alexandria, and J. N. Williams, of Lake City, have rendered most valuable service, all as a

labor of love, in fellowship meetings, Bible services, Sabbath school conventions, and revivals in various parts of the State.

LICENSED TO PREACH.

Bro. B. Fay Mills was licensed June 15, by the Western Conference.

ORDAINED.

Rev. T. R. Wilkinson, at Union Grove, Nov. 10, 1876.
Rev. Leonard H. Moses, at Walnut Station, Nov. 24, 1876.
Rev. George S. Pelton, at South Windsor Ct., May 15, 1877.
Rev. Edmund C. Ingalls, at Benson, July 16, 1877.
Rev. Thornton A. Mills, at Maine, July 18, 1877.
Rev. Dennis Goodsell, at Fergus Falls, Oct. 2, 1877.

INSTALLED.

Rev. Charles A. Conant, over Duluth and Brainerd, Nov. 21, 1876.
Rev. George A. Hood, over Pilgrim Church, Minneapolis, March 27, 1877.
Rev. Edmund C. Ingalls, over church in Benson, July 16, 1877.

DISMISSED.

Rev. F. McCraken from pastoral charge of churches at Dodge Center and Claremont, Aug. 28, 1877.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Thirteen churches have done something in the matter of houses of worship. (1) Benson dedicated a neat, commodious house Oct. 19, 1876; cost, $1,400. (2) Brainerd has placed pews in its House, in place of chairs. Gov. and Mrs. Smith, of St. Albans, Vt., had a hand in it. (3) Burns has a neat chapel in process of erection. Eastern funds help, $150. (4) Brownsdale has purchased the house owned by the Baptists; cost, $1,200. (5) Claremont has a new house nearly ready for use. (6) Dexter is building a chapel, partly on Massachusetts "bonds" of love, and generosity. Bro. Stone, the missionary, is architect and civil engineer. (7) Fairmont had its new house ready for use Jan. 1, ult. They propose to dedicate in November. (8) Freeborn has bought the Baptists' house at $600. (9) Gilmanton has a chapel nearly ready for use, cost $500. Marine Mills spends $150 in repairing the church and parsonage. (11) Mazeppa dedicated its completed house Nov. 12, 1876. (12) Winnebago Agency dedicated $1,100 to the Lord, in its new church, Nov. 2, 1876. (13) Spring Valley has repaired and enlarged, at a cost of $1,700.

BENEFICENCE.

As far as reported, our churches, missionary and self-supporting, have contributed $1,984.06 to the general work of the A. H. M. S.; $38.86 to the S. S.

Department of that work; in all $2,022.92, or $277.36 more than last year. Of this sum, the H. M. churches contributed $815.43.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Have not been as prominent a feature of the work as last year. They have been held in various parts of the State with great profit.

REVIVALS

Have been reported in twenty-seven of the missionary churches, resulting in some instances, as the statistics show, in large additions.

TOUR IN NEW ENGLAND.

March 13th, in response to a call from New York, from which I asked in vain to be excused, I left the field here for a tour among the churches of New England, returning June 25d. I traveled 3,756 miles in New England—on the round trip, 6,555 miles, making 124 addresses in 92 days in 65 towns, in 86 churches. It was one of the hardest and pleasantest three months of my life. The cordial receptions; the earnest prayers for the men and women toiling for the Master, on the frontier; the gifts and pledges of money for the work; from the $7.00 emptied by the trembling hand of a young mother, out of "the bank of my [her] baby, now in Heaven," to the generous $500 each from two business men, for a third Congregational Church in Utah, made us see, as never before, how many dear children God has who carry us on their hearts, as we carry the work.

CONCLUSION.

The Superintendent has traveled 17,196 miles, and delivered 245 sermons and addresses during the year. It has been one of the pleasantest and yet one of the most laborious years of my life. The greatest joy has been found in the work carried on with no special machinery except the Church of God, bearing a banner on which is inscribed the single word, "JESUS."

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# FIELD NOTES.

## ANOKA CONFERENCE.

AFTON and LAKELAND have been faithfully served by Rev. A. D. Roe. In February the Church held a fellowship meeting, which gave an impulse to the work, and resulted in several hopeful conversions.

ALEXANDRIA. Bro. Norton closed his labors in May. A good work of grace in the latter part of the winter resulted in a general awakening in the Church, and several conversions. May 1st Rev. P. S. Smith, from Chester, N. J., took the field, and reports encouragingly of the work.

BALDWIN and PRINCETON. During the winter a good degree of religious interest was awakened by the earnest labor and prayers of Bro. and Mrs. Breed, in which they were assisted by Bros. Plant, of Minneapolis, Robert Smith, of St. Paul, and others. Some twelve or fifteen professed conversions. Bro. Breed closed his work in April. Bro. Jarvis Richards' vacation work has been reported. A brother is expected soon, to fill the vacancy.

BELLE PRAIRIE and LITTLE FALLS retain the services of Bro. Rosenkrans. His field is large; the Catholic element strong. The new railroad from Brainerd to Sauk Rapids, gives promise of growth.

CLEARWATER has had a quiet year under Bro. Nelson Clark. The Church suffers great loss in the death of Deacon Walker.

COLLINS and HUTCHINSON called Rev. William Wilson, a Cumberland Presbyterian brother from Illinois, March 1st. This field, Hutchinson especially, enjoyed a season of as marked refreshing in the winter, as any we have seen in Minnesota. Nearly one hundred professed conversions in the union meetings held by the M. E. and our Church. Bro. Wilson has been gathering the harvest.

GILMANTON rejoices in its new chapel, and will rejoice more when it is completed and paid for. They greatly need $100 to do it. Bro. Ward's work has been reported elsewhere. When not supplied otherwise, Dea. Stewart has read a sermon, or given them one of his own. For want of a house, we may not be able to supply this field till spring.

GLENCOE and ROUND GROVE have enjoyed a year's labor with Bro. J. Chandler as pastor, who reports encouragingly, yet feels the need of a thorough work of grace on his field. We believe his desire will be realized.

MINNEAPOLIS, PILGRIM. Bro. Hampton having resigned the charge of this church in January, Rev. Geo. A. Hood was called so as to begin work March 1. Everything is pleasant and prosperous.

MONTICELLO still retains Bro. Jenkins, who reports large attendance and good interest in every department of Christian work.

PAYNESVILLE and UNION GROVE have had a year of great discouragement, in the destruction of their crops by locusts. The missionary has come to know the full meaning of "hard times." The work, nevertheless, reports well.

SAUK CENTRE. Bro. Pike, after nine years continuous and arduous toil on his frontier field, finds his health failing, and has been obliged to suspend labor. He has done an excellent nine years' work. The vacancy will be filled as soon as the right man can be found.

TWO RIVERS. This field has not been as prosperous spiritually as we hoped. The people are not as thoroughly united in work as is essential to the best success. Bro. Kinne is on his third year.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

AUDUBON, DETROIT and WADENA, till Dec. 1, ult., were under the care of Rev. P. Fay. From that time till June 1, these fields were without supply.

GLYNDON, MUSKODA, and the three churches named above, were placed, June 1, under the care of Rev. Geo. S. Pelton, from Hartford, Ct., Seminary. In the great financial depression and threatened locust raid, it seemed impossible to do more than to keep these churches alive. It was a large responsibility, to lay on a man just from theological study the care of five churches on a field 81 miles long! especially when Crookston and Ada, 65 miles north, were calling on him to add that much more to the length of his field. Bro. Pelton has, however, taken strong hold of the work and the people. The locusts left, doing little damage, and the outlook is cheering.

BRAINERD and DULUTH are strongly held by Bro. Conant, now on his second year, in spite of emigration from both parishes. We hope the time is not distant when these churches can have each a pastor. A parish 125 miles long is unwieldy.

FERGUS FALLS feels keenly, still, the loss of Bro. Hood. Being some four months without supply, they became disheartened. They seem well united on Bro. Goodsell, and the outlook is more hopeful.

HAWLEY and PARK still hold strongly to "Father Kribs," who brings forth good fruit in his old age, and the churches grow under his hand.

MAINE and ST. OLAF have been supplied by Rev. T. A. Mills. St. Olaf has been united and blest. Maine has a long-standing division which prevents effectiveness in church work. Bro. Mills closed his year and work Oct. 1. We hope to fill the vacancy soon.

SCAMBLER has been supplied till Aug. 15 by Bro. Young. Suffering in health, among a scattered people, he has nevertheless reported good results of labor.

LAKE PARK, organized Aug. 9, yokes with Scambler, and a brother has been sent on trial to fill the place left by Bro. Young, who goes to California for health.

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

This Conference now embraces thirty-four churches. I venture to suggest the expediency of dividing it on a north and south line, now covered by the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway, with the exception of Berlin, which, while yoked with Hartland and Freeborn, should go with them in Conference.

ALBERT LEA was vacant from October to January, except occasional supplies. Bro. Todd began work at that date, has toiled hard, and seen fruits. One of the most active members has died, and several have removed from town. Bro. Todd has resigned.

BELGRADE and PROVIDENCE are still under the care of Bro. Eells. Reports re cheerful.

BROWNSDALE will not allow Bro. Tobey to leave, solicitations to the contrary otwithstanding. In their larger house of worship, and with less division among abbath worshipers, the outlook is encouraging.

BUTTERNUT VALLEY churches (SALEM and GOSHEN) and SOUTH BEND, ontinue heartily under Bro. T. G. Jones. The locust plague greatly disheartned them, but they hold on, expecting better things.

CHAIN LAKE CENTRE, FAIRMOUNT and WESTFORD have been richly blest nder the labors of Bro. Simpson. At Chain Lake Centre, the membership is rebled. At Fairmount, a new house and more than a score of additions have iven the people fresh courage. At Westford, several have expressed hope. Reorts have been cheering.

CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER have made slight gains under the care of Bro. McCraken, who has closed his labors and is looking to a new field of labor.

FREEBORN, HARTLAND, and the new church at BERLIN, grow and thrive nder the faithful and successful labors of Bro. Fisk.

MANKATO has had a year of steady but real growth under Bro. Chaney, who entered, a month since, on his fifth year. In the winter Bro. Chaney did nost acceptable evangelistic work at Freeborn and Fairmount.

MANTORVILLE reports a year of substantial progress under Bro. Gill. Durng the last part of the year he has been deeply afflicted by severe sickness in his amily. Bro. Gill has done extra work, assisting neighboring pastors in special neetings. The adjoining town of Milton is a part of this parish.

MEDFORD has been in a good state of religious interest the whole year. Our lamented Brother Powell's great fidelity in labor and zeal for the salvation f souls, brought the Church to a condition it has not reached, spiritually, in our nowledge of it. Rev. A. Graves succeeds him.

NEVADA and ROSE CREEK report both trial and progress, especially the atter. Bro. Morse reports hopefully.

WASECA struggles financially, and feels the denominational division which ives that town of 1,500 inhabitants seven evangelical churches. Pastor and eople seem warmly united, and earnest in work. Bro. Loring and Father Shedd hold service at South Woodville.

MCPHERSON (Winnebago Agency) is still under the care of Bro. Armstrong. Financially, the church has found the work hard. The pastor divides his labor with an outstation on the county line, and Danville, some ten miles south.

WORTHINGTON suffers from a form of error which has crept into the church, nfecting only a very few, yet causing a sore trial of faith and patience for both he pastor and the other members. Bro. Tuttle's work has been earnest, judiious and successful.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

BENSON, for three months of the year under Bro. Walcott, and since March 1 under Rev. Edmund C. Ingalls, of Andover, has made a sort of "red letter" record. It has been organized; it has finished and dedicated its house of worship, all paid for when it receives what the Union has pledged; and ordained and installed a pastor. Locusts alarmed them for a time, but the work moves on.

BRECKENRIDGE was organized just after Conference, (Oct. 27), but has had a somewhat broken year. Bro. Walcott's health compelled him to leave, and they have but just settled on another man, Rev. C. M. Woodbridge.

BURNS and SLEEPY EYE have made a good record with Bro. Champlin as pastor, whose chief difficulty is that he finds himself physically unable to do more than two strong men's work, financially unable to supply all the want he sees among his people, and every way unable to preach in more than three places each Lord's Day.

GRANITE FALLS has had two councils, three acting pastors, a new church organized though not "recognized," nine months of tumult, and now we are looking for spiritual good under the labors of Bro. Ruddock, who began work there a month since.

HANCOCK and MORRIS have enjoyed a season of great refreshing, resulting in the addition of a good number to the churches, greatly to the encouragement of Bro. Fonda.

HAVELOCK (a new church), LAC QUI PARLE and MONTEVIDEO have realized the long-looked-for blessing in a season of revival, lasting a large part of the winter. The new church was one result of the revival. Locusts made sad havoc among their crops, so that some of the people will find the winter severe without aid.

LAMBERTON and WALNUT STATION are among the most richly blest churches of the Conference. In a series of meetings, in which Bro. Moses was most efficiently aided by Bro. Simmons, of Marshall, displays of divine power hardly to be found, even in Chicago, brought some of the stoutest opposers to yield to Christ. More than fifty have been gathered into the churches.

MARSHALL, MARSHFIELD and UNDERWOOD have given Bro. Simmons a busy and fruitful year, the first and last as regular work. Marshfield has had only occasional supply. No part of the field has called for more earnest and untiring labor than this.

TRACY, UNION and BETHEL were in charge of Bro. Peregrine till May 1. Tracy Union was then dropped, and Saratoga added. Bro. Peregrine has worked faithfully.

## WINONA CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON has had the untiring devotion of Bro. Fuller, with additions to the Church and other encouraging results. This church in a rich farming community is a candidate for self-support soon.

LENORA, in connection with BURR OAK, Ia., has been under the care of Rev. George Sterling, and reports to the Iowa Association.

RUSHFORD considers a twenty-two years' pastorate none too long with Bro. Snell to fill it. Special meetings, in which Brothers Fuller and Merrill aided the pastor, resulted in the quickening of the Church, and a few conversions.

WABASHA, supplied by Bro. Todd to Jan. 1, was taken from the H. M. list by Bro. Ray upon his leaving Lake City, and served by him as long as diseased eyes would allow. They have had no supply since July 1. They are hoping for Bro. Ray's return. Special meetings the last part of Bro. Todd's year, were blest to the church, and in some hopeful conversions.

### CONCLUDING SUGGESTIONS.

Some of the aided churches have a system of beneficence and plan for paying current expenses; and they work it vigorously.

1. The first suggestion is that all the churches do likewise. *Every man, woman and child should cheerfully join in home and beneficent work.* And those who have charge of raising money ought to give every one a cordial invitation to do so. Missionaries promptly paid can do, at least, one-tenth more work, and do it easier. Many anxious hours result from delayed dues. One missionary closed his year in May, who is not paid in full, yet, for his last years' work. He cannot be recommissioned till that is done.

2. Another suggestion is that we study the meaning of God's gracious deliverance from the locust plague, and his blessing in our bountiful crops. Does it not point several more of our churches to the duty of self-support; and to our duty as a State, speedily to become responsible for the work needed on our frontier?

### OBITUARY.

During the year one of our most earnest and thoroughly devoted missionaries, Rev. John N. Powell, born in Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., Oct. 22, 1818, died at Medford, June 27, 1877. He was a graduate at Hamilton College, studied theology two years at New Haven, and one at Auburn. His first work as a missionary was under "Father Kent," in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties, Ill. While on that field he seldom had less than four preaching places, and often rode thirty miles, and preached three times a Sabbath. It is not strange that he broke down, and was compelled to rest. His next work was divided between preaching and teaching at Peterboro and Chittenango, N. Y. In 1864, we find him again at his chosen work at Rosendale, Wis. After six years' work there, he was called to Plymouth, Wis., where he remained four years. In August, 1875, he came from there to Medford, where, after nearly two years of most faithful labor, in which he greatly endeared himself, not only to his own church, but to all the people of the place, he was called to his eternal rest.

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WM. CHENEY, TREAS. MINN. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
In account with AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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| Oct. | 21 | To Cash of Woman's Cent Society | $139 67 |
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| Jan. | 13 | " Excelsior Congregational Church | 4 50 |
| Feb. | 1 | " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 17 72 |
| Feb. | 27 | " " " " | 17 52 |
| Mar. | 27 | " " " " | 12 71 |
| April | 27 | " Congregational Church, St. Cloud | 8 00 |
| May | 3 | " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 21 09 |
| May | 29 | " " " " | 11 91 |
| June | 28 | " " " " | 17 13 |
| Aug. | 1 | " " " " | 20 17 |
| Aug. | 23 | " Excelsior Congregational Church | 7 00 |
| Sept. | 1 | " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 17 25 |
| Sept. | 11 | " Congregational Church, Austin | 66 82 |
| Oct. | 2 | " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 14 50 |
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| Feb. | 27 | Paid L. H. Cobb | 17 72 |
| Mar. | 26 | By draft sent to Treasurer A. H. M. S. | 17 52 |
| Mar. | 11 | Paid L. H. Cobb, per receipt | 12 71 |
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| | | | $594 38 |

Audited and found correct. Vouchers found for each payment.

D. C. BELL, Auditor.

Faribault, Oct. 13th, 1877.

Receipts of the American Home Missionary Society from Minnesota, for the year ending August 31st, 1877, $2,028 02.

## (J)

## OUR PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

TO MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES:

At the annual meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota, held at Lake City, October 10, 1872, the following plan was adopted and recommended to the churches for their benevolent contributions for the ensuing year:

The plan is based upon two general principles, viz.:

1st. Christian giving is an act of worship, honoring the Lord with our substance.

2d. All Christian giving should be systematic, thoughtful and intelligent.

These principles are believed to be essential to all acceptable offering of our gifts to God; and it is because we feel that they have not been sufficiently recognized in our former methods, that the present plan is presented. This plan proposes a collection *every Sabbath morning;* the amount contributed ordinarily to be divided *pro rata* among the following causes, on the basis of their needs for the ensuing year:

FOR GENERAL CHRISTIAN WORK, IN WHICH ALL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES UNITE:

| | |
|---|---|
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, including missions to nominally Christian countries ($100,000) | $ 600,000 |
| Home Missionary Society | 500,000 |
| American Missionary Association | 500,000 |
| Congregational Union (Church Erection) | 250,000 |
| Ministerial Education | 100,000 |
| Congregational Publishing Society | 50,000 |
| | $2,000,000 |

On certain Sabbaths, however, the contributions will not be so appropriated, but will be devoted to the following

LOCAL OBJECTS:

TO THE POOR—The offering at Communion in.....
TO THE SABBATH SCHOOL—The offering of.....
TO CARLETON COLLEGE—.....
TO THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

*[The above spaces to be filled in with such dates as the individual Churches may determine for these special offerings; and such other local objects to be added as the Churches may desire.]*

After deducting the twelve Sabbaths set apart for local objects as above, there will remain forty Sabbaths on which offerings will be made for the general work of the church and apportioned as above stated; it being always remembered (and special attention is called to this feature) that any contribution may be appro-

priated to *any* special object by attaching to it a slip of paper indicating the wish of the giver; and it is hoped that the utmost freedom will be exercised in this respect. No personal solicitation is to be used; and every one is free to give *as much or as little as he feels able;* only the Lord and the giver will know how much it is.

The following table will illustrate the working of the plan. By examining it any one can see how to adjust his weekly gifts, in order to make, in the aggregate, any given annual sum; and also how that annual sum will be apportioned, if not specially designated:

| Weekly Contributions for 40 Sabbaths. | Annual Aggregate. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | American Miss. Association. | Congregational Union. | Ministerial Education. | Publishing Society. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PROPORTIONS. | | 60/200 | 50/200 | 50/200 | 20/200 | 10/200 | 5/200 |
| $ 0 10 | $ 4 00 | $ 1 20 | $ 1 00 | $ 1 00 | $ 0 40 | $ 0 20 | $ 0 10 |
| 20 | 8 00 | 2 40 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 40 | 20 |
| 25 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 | 50 | 25 |
| 50 | 20 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | 50 |
| 1 00 | 40 00 | 12 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| 1 50 | 60 00 | 18 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 7 50 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| 2 00 | 80 00 | 24 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 50 | 100 00 | 30 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 12 50 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| 5 00 | 200 00 | 60 00 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| 10 00 | 400 00 | 120 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 50 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 |

The plan finds its method in the apostolic injunction, that upon the first day of the week every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Its success will depend wholly upon the spirit and thoroughness with which it is carried out. In the belief that the churches will enter upon it with spirit and support it with regularity, and that the results will surprise all, it is recommended.

The Deacons are the proper committee to receive the collections and apportion them among the different objects.

By recommendation of the Conference.

H. A. STIMSON,
EDWARD BROWN,
THEODORE FURBER,
Committee of Conference.

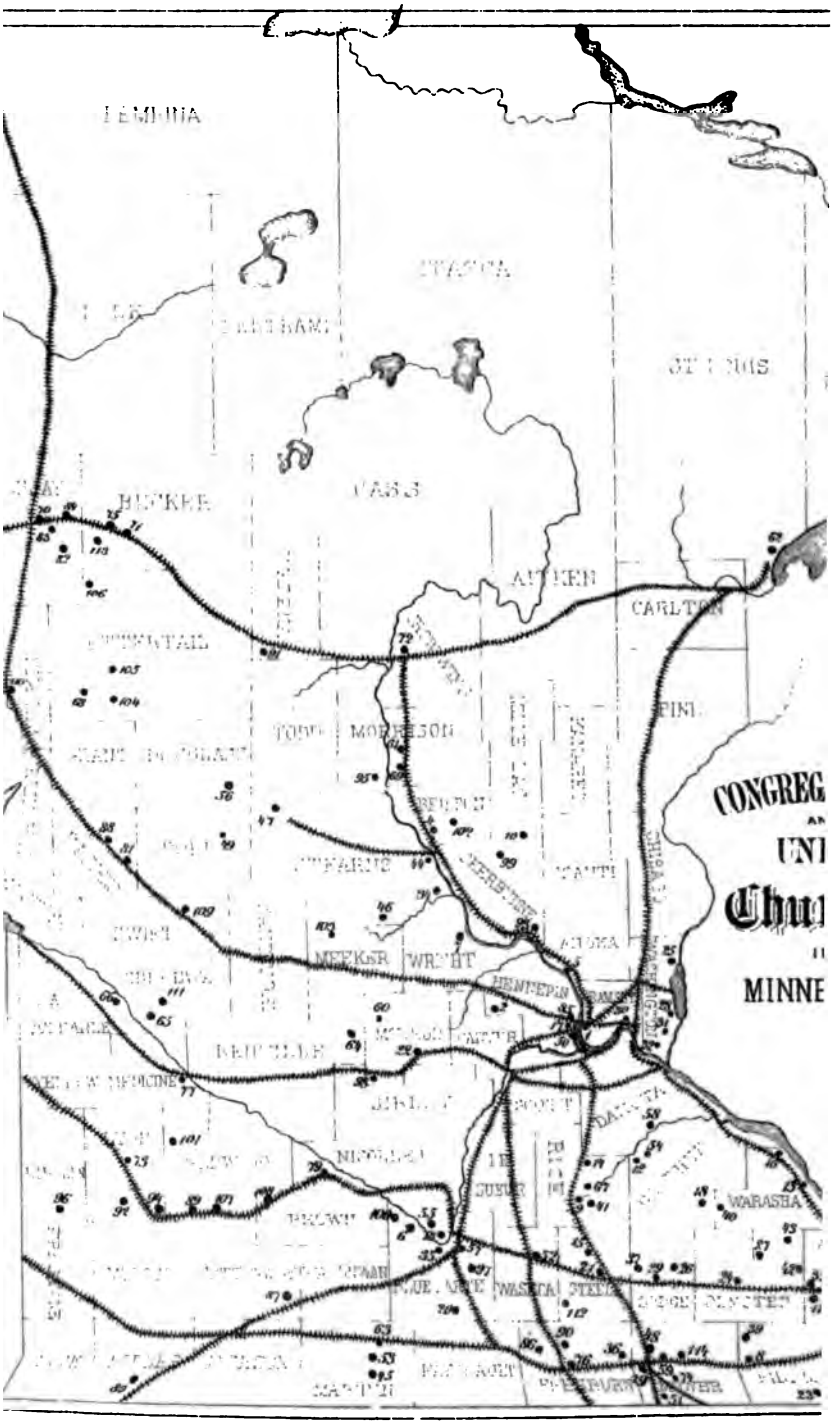
MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1, 1872.

## (K.)

### DESIGNATING THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE CHURCHES ARE LOCATED.

Afton, Washington.
Albert Lea, Freeborn.
Alexandria, Douglas.
Anoka, Anoka.
Audubon, Becker.
Austin, Mower.
Baldwin, Sherburne.
Belgrade, Nicollet.
Belle Prairie, Morrison.
Benson, Swift.
Berlin, Steele.
Brainerd, Crow Wing.
Breckenridge, Wilkin.
Brownsdale, Mower.
Burns, Brown.
Butternut Valley, { Salem, Goshen, } Blue Earth.
Cannon City, Rice.
Cannon Falls, Goodhue.
Chain Lake Center, Martin.
Claremont, Dodge.
Clearwater, Stearns.
Collins, McLeod.
Cottage Grove, Washington.
Detroit, Becker.
Dexter, Mower.
Dodge Center, Dodge.
Douglas, Dakota.
Duluth, St. Louis.
Elgin, Wabasha.
Little Falls, Morrison.
Maine, Otter Tail.
Mankato, Blue Earth.
Mantorville, Dodge.
Marine Mills, Washington.
Marshall, Lyon.
Marshfield, Lincoln.
Mazeppa, Wabasha.
Medford, Steele.
Minneapolis, (4), Hennepin.
Montevideo, Chippewa.
Monticello, Wright.
Morris, Stevens.
Mt. Lake, Cottonwood.
Muskoda, Clay.
Nevada, Mower.
Northfield, Rice.
Owatonna, Steele.
Park, Clay.
Paynesville, Stearns.
Plainview, Wabasha.
Prairieville East, Rice.
Princeton, Mille Lacs.
Providence, Nicollet.
Quincy, Olmsted.
Rochester, Olmsted.
Rose Creek, Mower.
Round Grove, McLeod.
Rushford Fillmore.
Saratoga, Winona.

Elk River, Sherburne.
Excelsior, Hennepin.
Fairmont, Martin.
Faribault, Rice.
Fergus Falls, Otter Tail.
Freeborn, Freeborn.
Gilmanton, Benton.
Glencoe, McLeod.
Glenwood, Pope.
Glyndon, Clay.
Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine.
Granville, Goodhue.
Guildford, Freeborn.
Hamilton, Fillmore.
Hancock, Stevens.
Hartland, Freeborn.
Havelock, Chippewa.
Hawley, Clay.
Hutchinson, McLeod.
Lac qui Parle, Lac qui Parle.
Lake City, Wabasha.
Lakeland, Washington.
Lake Park, Becker.
Lamberton, Redwood.
Lansing, Mower.
Lenora, Fillmore.
Sauk Center, Stearns.
Sauk Rapids, Benton.
Scambler, Otter Tail.
Sleepy Eye, Brown.
South Bend, Blue Earth.
Spring Valley, Fillmore.
St. Charles, Winona.
St. Cloud, Stearns.
St. Olaff, Otter Tail.
St. Paul, Ramsey.
Sterling, Blue Earth.
Tracy, { Union, / Bethel, } Lyon.
Two Rivers, Morrison.
Underwood, Lyon.
Union Grove, Meeker.
Wabasha, Wabasha.
Wadena, Wadena.
Walnut Station, Redwood.
Waseca, Waseca.
Westford, Martin.
Winnebago Agency, Blue Earth.
Winona, Winona.
Worthington, Nobles.
Zumbrota, Goodhue.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# KEY TO MAP.

1. Minneapolis—First.
2. Excelsior.
3. Winona.
4. Sauk Rapids.
5. Anoka.
6. Butternut Valley.
7. Monticello.
8. Spring Valley.
9. Faribault.
10. Princeton.
11. Saratoga.
12. Cannon Falls.
13. Lake City.
14. Northfield.
15. Medford.
16. Wabasha.
17. Minneapolis—Plymouth.
18. Zumbrota.
19. Austin.
20. Sterling.
21. Owatonna.
22. Glencoe.
23. Lenora.
24. Rochester.
25. Marine Mills.
26. Mantorville.
27. Elgin.
28. Lakeland.
29. Dodge Center.
30. St. Paul.
31. Afton.
32. Cottage Grove.
33. St. Charles.
34. Clearwater.
35. South Bend.
36. Guilford.
37. Claremont.
38. Rushford.
39. Hamilton.
40. Mazeppa.
41. Prairieville East.
42. Quincy.
43. Plainview.
44. St. Cloud.
45. Chain Lake Center.
46. Paynesville.
47. Sauk Center.
48. Lansing.
49. Glenwood.
50. Minneapolis—Second.
51. Nevada.
52. Waseca.
53. Fairmont.
54. Granville.
55. Providence.
56. Alexandria.
57. Mankato.
58. Douglas.
59. Brownsdale.
60. Hutchinson.
61. Belle Prairie.
62. Duluth.
63. Westford.
64. Collins.
65. Montevideo.
66. Lac qui Parle.
67. Cannon City.
68. Fergus Falls.
69. Little Falls.
70. Glyndon.
71. Detroit.
72. Brainerd.
73. Marshall.
74. Rose Creek.
75. Audubon.
76. Albert Lea.
77. Granite Falls.
78. Belgrade.
79. Sleepy Eye.
80. Worthington.
81. Hancock.
82. Park.
83. Hawley.
84. Muskoda.
85. Minneapolis—Pilgrim.
86. Freeborn.
87. Mountain Lake.
88. Morris.
89. Walnut Station.
90. Hartland.
91. Wadena.
92. Tracy—Bethel.
93. Elk River.
94. Tracy—Union.
95. Two Rivers.
96. Marshfield.
97. McPherson.
98. Round Grove.
99. Baldwin.
100. Goshen.
101. Underwood.
102. Gilmanton.
103. Union Grove.
104. St. Olaff.
105. Maine.
106. Scambler.
107. Lamberton.
108. Burns.
109. Benson.
110. Breckenridge.
111. Havelock.
112. Berlin.
113. Lake Park.
114. Dexter.

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1877. | | | ADDED, 1876-7. | | | REMOVED, 1876-7. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'unic'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. School. | Av'rage Attend'ce |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | A. D. Roe | 1867 | .... | 3 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 75 | 47 |
| Alexandria | 1867 | 12 | 4 | Pliny S. Smith | 1877 | .... | 12 | 19 | 31 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 42 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | K. F. Norris | 1877 | .... | 25 | 64 | 89 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 43 |
| Baldwin | 1876 | 1 | 12 | J. E. Storm | 1877 | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Nelson Clark | 1876 | .... | 11 | 39 | 50 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 57 |
| Collins | 1871 | 9 | 10 | William Wilson | 1877 | .... | 11 | 19 | 30 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 26 | 53 | 79 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 155 | 125 |
| Elk River | 1875 | 2 | 7 | C. M. McConnell | .... | .... | 8 | 21 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 60 |
| Excelsior | 1863 | 7 | 17 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 54 | 61 | 115 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 55 |
| Gilmanton | 1876 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 8 | 9 | 17 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 15 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 10 | 24 | Joseph Chandler | 1876 | .... | 6 | 15 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Glenwood | 1868 | 9 | 10 | A. C. Lathrop | 1868 | .... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | William Wilson | 1877 | .... | 11 | 14 | 25 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 180 | 80 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | A. D. Roe | 1876 | .... | 6 | 14 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 35 |
| Marine Mills | 1858 | 2 | 8 | F. N. Walcott | 1877 | .... | 5 | 18 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 55 | 40 |
| Minneapolis First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | E. M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 40 | 68 | 108 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 216 | 147 |
| " —Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 142 | 301 | 443 | 41 | 33 | 32 | 65 | 29 | 1 | 35 | 20 | 7 | 675 | 440 |
| " —Second | 1867 | 10 | 9 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | .... | 41 | 81 | 122 | 15 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 115 | 85 |
| " —Pilgrim | 1875 | 9 | 26 | Geo. A. Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 24 | 44 | 68 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 133 | 115 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 1 | 13 | David Jenkins | 1875 | .... | 10 | 22 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 53 | 45 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | .... | 7 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 43 |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | J. E. Storm | 1877 | .... | 17 | 16 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .... | 40 |
| Round Grove | 1875 | 11 | 12 | Joseph Chandler | 1877 | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .... | 20 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 29 | Unsupplied | 1868 | .... | 22 | 34 | 56 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 80 | 65 |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | Sherman Hall | 1854 | .... | 10 | 12 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 16 | 27 | 43 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 53 | 45 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 107 | 161 | 268 | 45 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 317 | 211 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | 1875 | 1875 | 20 | 14 | 34 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 20 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | .... | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 35 |
| 31 Churches. | | | | 26 Ministers. | .... | .... | 675 | 1191 | 1866 | 241 | 145 | 108 | 253 | 13 | 66 | 6 | 85 | 75 | 3038 | 2055 |

## ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Publ'n Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 15 50 | $ 18 15 | $ 3 00 | $ 3 50 | 0 | 0 | $ 375 00 | $ 50 00 | $ 465 15 |
| Alexandria | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 414 00 | 1 06 | 425 06 |
| Anoka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 800 00 | 0 | 800 00 |
| Baldwin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 00 | 0 | 13 00 |
| Belle Prairie | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 00 | 0 | 165 00 |
| Clearwater | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 850 00 | 0 | 0 |
| Collins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 00 | 0 | 60 00 |
| Cottage Grove | 5 00 | 10 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 478 00 | 0 | 493 67 |
| Elk River | 0 | 6 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 45 |
| Excelsior | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 800 00 | 125 00 | 925 00 |
| Gilmanton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 325 00 | 0 | 328 00 |
| Glencoe | 0 | 30 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 00 |
| Glenwood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutchinson | 0 | 6 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 231 00 | 0 | 237 00 |
| Lakeland | 0 | 3 00 | 0 | 2 00 | 0 | 0 | 425 00 | 3 60 | 433 60 |
| Little Falls | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 205 00 |
| Marine Falls | 0 | 35 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 238 00 | 0 | 273 00 |
| Minneapolis—First | 175 00 | 325 00 | 50 00 | 40 00 | 0 | 0 | 2000 00 | 380 00 | 2970 00 |
| " —Plymouth | 473 62 | 267 65 | 233 61 | 99 83 | 19 97 | 39 93 | 7000 00 | 1050 14 | 9082 85 |
| " —Second | 38 18 | 36 36 | 33 33 | 18 18 | 0 | 4 75 | 1400 00 | 229 58 | 1760 38 |
| " —Pilgrim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1085 00 | 0 | 1085 00 |
| Monticello | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 450 00 | 50 00 | 520 00 |
| Paynesville | 1 75 | 4 75 | 0 | 2 25 | 0 | 0 | 295 00 | 0 | 303 75 |
| Princeton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Round Grove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sauk Center | 10 00 | 7 50 | 7 00 | 7 61 | 0 | 0 | 450 00 | 0 | 482 11 |
| Sauk Rapids | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 00 | 10 00 | 85 00 |
| St. Cloud | 0 | 8 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 00 | 0 | 258 00 |
| St. Paul | 120 54 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 200 00 | 0 | 0 | 4000 00 | 500 00 | 4895 54 |
| Two Rivers | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 310 00 |
| Union Grove | 2 25 | 3 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 00 | 0 | 95 50 |
| Total | $ 841 84 | $ 876 78 | $ 351 94 | $ 375 37 | $ 19 97 | $ 44 68 | $22749 00 | $ 2399 38 | $ 27656 56 |

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1877. | | | | ADDED, 1876-7. | | | REMOVED, 1876-7. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'cat'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. School. | Avg. Attendance. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | G. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 9 | 12 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 24 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 12 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | .... | 38 | 52 | 90 | 35 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 100 | 130 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | C. M. Woodbridge | 1877 | .... | 8 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | Geo. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 23 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | C. A. Conant | 1876 | .... | 38 | 52 | 90 | 35 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 100 | 130 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | D. Goodsell | 1877 | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 65 | 40 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | Geo. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 18 | 20 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 60 | 45 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1877 | .... | 11 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 18 |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | | 1877 | .... | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 30 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | T. A. Mills | 1876 | .... | 17 | 15 | 32 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | Geo. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 17 |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1875 | .... | 14 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 12 |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | Nelson Young | 1876 | .... | 11 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 20 |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 18 | T. A Mills | 1876 | .... | 11 | 28 | 39 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 35 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 10 | 29 | G. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17 |
| 15 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | | | 202 | 263 | 465 | 92 | 18 | 14 | 32 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 870 | 581 |

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONF.—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. F. | Congregational Publishing Soc. | College and Education Soc. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | 0 | $ 10 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $ 100 00 | $ 7 65 | $ 117 95 |
| Brainerd | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Breckenridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 206 00 | 0 | 206 00 |
| Detroit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 00 | 0 | 75 00 |
| Duluth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 00 | 0 | 500 00 |
| Fergus Falls | 1 77 | 5 00 | 11 52 | 1 18 | 0 | 0 | 575 00 | 0 | 594 47 |
| Glyndon | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 575 00 | 0 | 590 00 |
| Hawley | 6 25 | 2 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 40 | 0 | 124 20 |
| Lake Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maine | 1 50 | 4 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400 00 | 40 00 | 446 04 |
| Muskoda | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Park | 0 | 2 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 52 00 |
| Scambler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 00 | 0 | 500 00 |
| St. Olaf | 1 50 | 2 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 20 00 | 324 46 |
| Wadena | 0 | 4 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 14 00 |
| Total | $ 11 02 | $ 46 35 | $ 11 52 | $ 1 18 | 0 | 0 | $ 3386 40 | $ 67 65 | $ 3544 12 |

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—Register.

| CHURCHES. NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | CHURCH MEMB. Sept. 1, 1877. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1876-7. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1876—7. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'nic'd | Total. | BAPTISMS. Adults. | Infants. | Number in Sabbath School. | Av'g. Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | 1872 | 10 | 23 | J. D. Todd | 1877 | | 9 | 25 | 34 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | 1875 | 68 | 104 | 172 | 12 | 21 | 7 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 125 | 105 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | | | D. B. Eells | 1876 | | 3 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fiske | 1877 | | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | I. F. Tobey | 1873 | | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 40 |
| Butternut Valley, Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | | 29 | 30 | 59 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 54 |
| Butternut Valley, Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 30 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | | 6 | 12 | 18 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 28 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 19 | Unsupplied | | | 11 | 18 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | | 7 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 45 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | | A. J. Drake | 1877 | | 19 | 24 | 43 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 45 |
| Dexter | 1877 | | | Cyrus Stone | 1877 | | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 20 |
| Dodge Center | 1875 | 6 | 6 | A. J. Drake | 1877 | | 9 | 24 | 33 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 150 | 107 |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 25 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | | 22 | 26 | 48 | 3 | 27 | 9 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 75 | 50 |
| Faribault | 1856 | 5 | 31 | W. B. Y. Wilkie | 1877 | | 88 | 150 | 242 | 45 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 3 | 310 | 235 |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fiske | 1875 | | 14 | 20 | 34 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guildford | 1860 | 4 | 10 | C. E. Wright | 1875 | | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Hartland | 1874 | 8 | 6 | W. Fisk | 1875 | | 6 | 10 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 20 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | F. L. Tuttle, M. E. | 1876 | | 5 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | 1873 | 54 | 63 | 117 | 28 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 100 | 78 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | William Gill | 1875 | | 18 | 37 | 55 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 5 | A. Graves | 1877 | | 14 | 24 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 45 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | | | Unsupplied | | | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | | A. Morse | 1872 | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. L. Leonard | 1875 | | 121 | 157 | 278 | 37 | 25 | 15 | 40 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 18 | 7 | 3 | 418 | 199 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | D. A. Morehouse | 1876 | | 59 | 89 | 148 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 150 | 108 |
| Prairieville, East | 1860 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | | | 11 | 21 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 36 |
| Providence | 1869 | 9 | 10 | D. B. Eells | 1876 | | 12 | 16 | 28 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | A. Morse | 1869 | | 3 | 13 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| South Bend | 1859 | | | T. G. Jones | 1876 | | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | N. A. Hunt | 1877 | | 20 | 21 | 41 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 35 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 4 | 16 | L. Loring | 1875 | | 53 | 48 | 101 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 108 |
| Westerford | 1871 | 4 | 9 | Adam Simpson | 1876 | | 5 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| Winnebago Agency | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | | 5 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 40 | 0 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | H. B. Tuttle | 1874 | | 33 | 48 | 81 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 75 | 60 |

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Pub'l'n Society. | College and Ed'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | $ 2 00 | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ 250 00 | $ 0 | $ 252 00 |
| Austin | 146 07 | 75 22 | 120 17 | 13 11 | 6 62 | 13 23 | 1941 60 | 214 67 | 2550 69 |
| Belgrade | 3 15 | 0 | 2 15 | 2 05 | 0 | 0 | 75 00 | 3 00 | 85 35 |
| Berlin | 0 | 2 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 00 | 0 | 76 75 |
| Brownsdale | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 350 00 | 0 | 560 00 |
| Butternut Valley, Salem | 0 | 5 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 165 00 | 20 00 | 190 25 |
| Butternut Valley, Goshen | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 50 | 4 50 | 70 75 |
| Cannon City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chain Lake Center | 0 | 3 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 00 | 0 | 33 78 |
| Claremont | 0 | 5 71 | 0 | 2 02 | 0 | 0 | 1300 00 | 0 | 1307 73 |
| Dexter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 00 | 0 | 500 00 |
| Dodge Center | 1 00 | 2 00 | 0 | 1 00 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 304 00 |
| Fairmont | 0 | 26 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2016 60 | 0 | 2042 60 |
| Faribault | 65 24 | 91 46 | 49 34 | 0 | 8 53 | 104 72 | 2003 74 | 239 70 | 2562 73 |
| Freeborn | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 215 00 |
| Guildford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hartland | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 110 00 |
| Lansing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mankato | 33 00 | 43 25 | 0 | 24 75 | 0 | 85 00 | 1300 00 | 25 00 | 1509 |
| Mantorville | 0 | 34 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 640 00 | 65 00 | 739 00 |
| Medford | 0 | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 766 00 | 15 00 | 796 00 |
| Mountain Lake | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 50 00 |
| Northfield | 88 62 | 164 61 | 118 47 | 88 18 | 27 80 | 56 88 | 2888 66 | 166 81 | 3599 98 |
| Owatonna | 0 | 12 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2657 00 | 9 00 | 2678 00 |
| Prairieville, East | 0 | 0 | 1 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 31 00 |
| Providence | 1 65 | 7 56 | 1 10 | 1 81 | 0 | 0 | 125 00 | 6 00 | 143 12 |
| Rose Creek | 2 07 | 9 00 | 1 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 00 | 0 | 131 32 |
| South Bend | 0 | 2 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 00 | 12 00 | 134 50 |
| Sterling | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 00 |
| Waseca | 5 80 | 5 80 | 4 90 | 2 90 | 0 | 0 | 13 20 | 60 00 | 92 60 |
| Westford | 0 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 50 | 0 | 28 37 |
| Winnebago Agency | 2 20 | 10 33 | 2 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 50 | 20 00 | 44 23 |
| Worthington | 7 50 | 23 16 | 4 00 | 10 17 | 0 | 0 | 975 72 | 0 | 1020 55 |
| Total | $ 228 30 | $ 579 00 | $ 309 58 | $ 143 99 | $ 42 95 | $ 259 83 | $19248 00 | $ 855 68 | $22113 31 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—Register.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1877. | | | | ADDED. 1876-7. | | | REMOVED, 1876-7. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'cated | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. School | Av. Attendance. |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | E. C. Ingalls | 1877 | 1877 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 24 |
| Burns | 1876 | 7 | 26 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 35 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | C. A. Ruddock | 1877 | .... | 8 | 11 | 19 | [illegible] | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 34 | 30 |
| Hancock | 1875 | 6 | 29 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 7 | 12 | 19 | [illegible] | 12 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 45 | 40 |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | O. A. Starr | 1877 | .... | 6 | 5 | 11 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 25 | 17 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | .... | 3 | 5 | 8 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 18 | 15 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 13 | L. H. Moses | 1876 | .... | 30 | 32 | 62 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1 | [illegible] | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 0 | 80 | 62 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 9 | 6 | H. C. Simmons | 1874 | .... | 35 | 46 | 71 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 2 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | .... | 4 | 4 | 8 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | .... | 11 | 15 | 26 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 60 | 50 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 12 | 17 | 29 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 50 | 35 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | .... | 9 | 12 | 21 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 45 | 30 |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 4 | 4 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 5 | 5 | 10 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 28 |
| Tracy—Bethel | 1875 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 22 | 32 | 54 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | 55 | 45 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | .... | 15 | 23 | 38 | [illegible] | 18 | [illegible] | 18 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 15 | 1 | 50 | 39 |
| 16 Churches. | | | | 8 Ministers. | | | 171 | 241 | 412 | 41 | 112 | 29 | 141 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 24 | 72 | 14 | 622 | 490 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Cong. Pub. Soc. | Coll. and Ed. Soc. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benson | 0 | $ 2 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $ 288 25 | 0 | $ 291 20 |
| Burns | 0 | 1 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 51 50 |
| Granite Falls | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 300 00 |
| Hancock | 0 | 7 70 | 1 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 275 00 | 0 | 284 30 |
| Havelock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lac qui Parle | 0 | 2 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 00 | 8 00 | 25 00 |
| Lamberton | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 00 |
| Marshall | 0 | 25 00 | 8 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 20 00 | 103 00 |
| Marshfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Montevideo | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 00 | 18 00 | 156 00 |
| Morris | 0 | 6 47 | 2 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 00 | 0 | 608 47 |
| Sleepy Eye | 9 00 | 15 55 | 4 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 725 00 | 0 | 753 55 |
| Tracy—Union | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tracy—Bethel | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 35 | 0 | 88 10 |
| Underwood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 00 | 0 | 40 00 |
| Walnut Station | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 00 |
| Total | 14 00 | $ 71 92 | 15 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $ 2563 60 | $ 46 00 | $ 2611 12 |

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE I—Register.

| NAMES. | CHURCHES. ORGANIZED. | Year. | Month. | Day. | MINISTERS. NAMES. | Began Labor. | Inst. lled. | CHURCH MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1877. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED, 1876-7. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED, 1876-7. Death. | Dismissed. | Excom'municated | Total. | BAPTISMS. Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | | 1870 | 7 | 31 | B. Fay Mills | 1877 | | 28 | 32 | 60 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 35 |
| Douglass | | 1870 | 8 | 28 | B. Fay Mills | 1877 | | | 19 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 45 |
| Elgin | | 1858 | 4 | 10 | Unsupplied | | | | 12 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 45 |
| Greenville | | 1870 | 7 | 16 | Unsupplied | | | | | 4 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 60 |
| Hamilton | | 1860 | 6 | 21 | F. L. Fuller | 1876 | | | | 62 | | 12 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100 | 60 |
| Lake City | | 1857 | 8 | 8 | T. H. Fisk | 1877 | P. M. | | | 36 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 44 |
| Lenora | | 1857 | 11 | 11 | Geo. Sterling | 1876 | | | | 13 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 41 |
| Mazeppa | | 1848 | 7 | 19 | W. M. Weld | 1877 | | | | 11 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 41 |
| Plainview | | 1857 | 10 | 7 | Henry Willard | 1863 | | | | 63 | | 40 | 5 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 125 |
| Quincy | | 1863 | 6 | | A. J. Drake | 1870 | | | | 8 | | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| Rochester | | 1858 | 1 | 8 | Geo. P. Blanchard | 1877 | | | | 41 | | 94 | 41 | 135 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 115 |
| Rushford | | 1860 | 5 | 19 | W. W. Snell | 1865 | | | | 17 | | 30 | 17 | 47 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 110 | 80 |
| Saratoga | | 1866 | 7 | 26 | H. L. Craven (Pres.) | 1876 | | | | 10 | | 8 | 10 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 40 |
| St. Charles | | 1859 | 2 | 20 | A. J. Drake | 1875 | | | | 53 | | 54 | 67 | 121 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 120 |
| Spring Valley | | 1866 | 5 | 24 | C. W. Merrill | 1875 | | | | 51 | | 70 | 51 | 121 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 81 |
| Wabasha | | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. W. Ray | 1877 | | | | 30 | | 55 | 30 | 85 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 80 |
| Winona | | 1854 | 12 | 19 | J. H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | | | 70 | | 145 | 70 | 215 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 475 | 270 |
| Zumbrota | | 1857 | 6 | 28 | Unsupplied | | | | | 50 | | 93 | 50 | 143 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 160 |
| 18 Churches. | | | | | 13 Ministers. | | | | | 565 | | 894 | 397 | 1397 | 141 | 69 | 4 | 189 | 67 | 10 | 2147 | 1441 |

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—Benevolence and Church Expenses.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Cong. Pub. Soc. | Coll. Ed. Soc. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | 0 | 0 | 0 | $ 7 30 | 0 | $ 6 81 | $ 172 00 | $ 24 00 | $ 710 11 |
| Douglass | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 300 00 |
| Elgin | 0 | 5 00 | 7 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 00 |
| Granville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamilton | 16 00 | 33 00 | 10 00 | 7 50 | 0 | 0 | 750 00 | 20 00 | 836 50 |
| Lake City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 700 00 | 146 28 | 856 28 |
| Lenora | 7 60 | 7 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 00 | 0 | 93 16 |
| Mazeppa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 200 00 |
| Plainview | 52 00 | 27 22 | 41 00 | 12 00 | 0 | 0 | 875 00 | 20 00 | 1037 22 |
| Quincy | 0 | 3 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 25 00 | 128 00 |
| Rochester | 105 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1637 67 | 300 00 | 2042 67 |
| Rushford | 4 52 | 19 30 | 2 00 | 0 | 0 | 2 25 | 690 35 | 0 | 718 42 |
| Saratoga | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 100 00 |
| St. Charles | 0 | 7 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 676 00 | 0 | 687 63 |
| Spring Valley | 49 12 | 43 71 | 27 18 | 18 31 | 14 10 | 12 66 | 2485 00 | 10 75 | 2670 83 |
| Wabasha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winona | 196 89 | 597 85 | 64 08 | 32 04 | 6 42 | 12 81 | 3672 25 | 413 06 | 4995 40 |
| Zumbrota | 39 30 | 56 35 | 15 55 | 5 20 | 8 35 | 0 | 1200 00 | 44 06 | 1368 81 |
| Total | $ 471 43 | $ 800 62 | $ 166 81 | $ 92 35 | $ 28 87 | $ 44 53 | $ 14140 27 | $ 1003 15 | $ 16748 03 |

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | Churches. | MINISTERS. | | | | | MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1877. | | | | ADDED, 1876-7. | | | REMOVED, 1876-7. | | | | BAPTISMS, | | SABBA'H SCHOOL. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates. | Without Charge. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Total. | Adult. | Infant. | Whole Number. | Av. Attendance. |
| Anoka | 31 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 28 | 675 | 1191 | 1866 | 241 | 145 | 108 | 253 | 13 | 66 | 6 | 85 | 75 | 39 | 3058 | 2055 |
| Northern Pacific | 15 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 202 | 263 | 465 | 92 | 18 | 15 | 33 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 870 | 581 |
| Owatonna | 34 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 723 | 1058 | 1781 | 202 | 199 | 91 | 290 | 16 | 66 | 7 | 89 | 114 | 25 | 2582 | 1817 |
| Western | 16 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 171 | 241 | 412 | 1 | 112 | 29 | 141 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 24 | 72 | 14 | 632 | 490 |
| Winona | 18 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 503 | 894 | 1397 | 141 | 130 | 59 | 189 | 11 | 53 | 4 | 68 | 67 | 2 | 2147 | 1441 |
| Totals | 114 | 19 | 46 | 4 | 16 | 85 | 2274 | 3647 | 5921 | 677 | 604 | 302 | 906 | 41 | 226 | 20 | 287 | 353 | 90 | 9289 | 6384 |

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 2—BENEV. & CHURCH EXPENSES.

| COFNERENCES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Congregat'l Pub. Society. | College and Ed. Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | $841 84 | $876 78 | $351 94 | $373 37 | $19 97 | $44 48 | $22,749 00 | $2,399 38 | $27,656 56 |
| Northern Pacific | 11 02 | 46 35 | 11 52 | 1 18 | ..... | ..... | 3,386 40 | 60 00 | 3,554 12 |
| Owatonna | 228 30 | 519 00 | 309 58 | 683 99 | 42 95 | 165 83 | 19,248 00 | 855 68 | 22,113 31 |
| Western | 14 00 | 71 22 | 15 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,563 60 | 46 00 | 2,611 12 |
| Winona | 471 43 | 800 62 | 166 81 | 92 35 | 28 87 | 44 53 | 14,140 27 | 1,003 15 | 16,748 03 |
| Totals | $1,566 59 | $2,313 97 | $855 44 | $1,150 89 | $91 89 | $254 84 | $62,087 27 | $4,364 21 | $72,673 13 |

WILLIAM CHENEY,

*Statistical Secretary.*

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1877.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong, R. S. | 1856, | 10, | 6 | Acting Pastor | Winnebago Agency | Owatonna. |
| Barnes, J. R. | 1838. | | | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Barteau, S. H. | 1851, | 2, | 19 | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Blanchard, G. P. | 1860, | 5, | 15 | Pastor | Rochester | |
| Breed, C. C. | 1857. | | | Without Charge | Princeton | Aurora, Ill. |
| Burt, David | 1851, | 11, | 4 | State Supt. Pub. Inst. | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Campbell, Gabriel | 1868, | 10, | 27 | Prof. State University | Minneapolis, | Northern. |
| Champlin, O. P. | 1870, | 7, | 10 | Pastor | Sleepy Eye | Owatonna. |
| Chandler, J. | 1846, | 4, | 22 | Acting Pastor | Glencoe | Windham, Vt. |
| Chaney, L. W. | 1852. | | | Pastor | Mankato | Owatonna. |
| Chapin, N. C. | 1851, | 11, | 2 | Without Charge | Rochester | Owatonna. |
| Clark, Nelson | 1844, | 7, | 16 | Without Charge | Stillwater | Northern. |
| Cobb, L. H. | 1857, | 10, | 28 | Supt. A. H. M. Society | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Conant, C. A. | 1864, | 6, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Duluth | Hamp. E. Mass. |
| Douglass, E. | 1855. | | | Without Charge | Anoka | |
| Drake, A. J. | 1845. | | | Acting Pastor | St. Charles | Winona. |
| Eells, D. B. | 1861. | | | Acting Pastor | Mankato | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, | 2, | 27 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Fisk, P. B. | 1863, | 10, | 1 | Pastor Elect | Lake City | Windsor, Vt. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876, | 6, | 13 | Pastor | Freeborn | Owatonna. |
| Fonda, J. L. | 1873, | 9, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Morris | Marshall. |
| Fuller, F. L. | 1843, | 9, | 8 | Pastor | Hamilton | Winona. |
| Gill, Wm. | 1863, | 5, | 26 | Acting Pastor | Mantorville | Owatonna. |
| Goodsell, D. | 1877, | 10, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Fergus Falls | |
| Graves, Alpheus | 1841. | | | Acting Pastor | Medford | Garnavillo, Iowa. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, | 8, | 8 | Without Charge | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Hall, Sherman | 1831, | 5. | | Acting Pastor | Sauk Rapids | Northern. |
| Hart, E. J. | 1856, | 1, | 2 | Pastor | Cottage Grove | Northern. |
| Hood, Geo. A. | 1869, | 9, | 30 | Acting Pastor | Minneapolis | Ontario, N. Y. |

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846. | | | Without Charge | Sterling | Owatonna. |
| Ingalls, E. C | 1877, | 7. | 16 | Acting Pastor | Benson | Western. |
| Jenkins, D. | 1876, | 1. | 19 | Acting Pastor | Monticello | Northern. |
| Johnson, Geo. | 1872, | 11. | 13 | Acting Pastor | Scambler | N. Pacific. |
| Jones, T. G. | 1867, | | | Acting Pastor | Butternut Valley | Welsh Cong. Ass. Iowa. |
| Kellogg, S. H. | 1857, | 11. | 10 | Acting Pastor | Swansea, Renville Co. | Elgin, Ill. |
| Kinne, T. C. | 1875, | 7. | 28 | Pastor | Longola, Benton Co | Northern. |
| Kribs, Ludwic | 1841, | 1. | 5 | Acting Pastor | Hawley | N. Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1842, | 2. | 24 | Without Charge | Glenwood | Northetn. |
| Leonard, D. L. | 1863, | 6. | 8 | Acting Pastor | Northfield | Hannibal, Mo. |
| Loring, L. | 1862, | 7. | 9 | Acting Pastor | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| McCraken, F. | 1875, | 12. | 3 | Acting Pastor | Dodge Centre | Owatonna. |
| Merrill, E. W. | 1864, | 4. | 5 | Without Charge | Spring Valley | Winona. |
| Merrill, C. W. | 1873, | 10, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Spring Valley | Winona. |
| Mills, B. F. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Cannon Falls | |
| Morehouse, D. A | 1865, | 6. | 18 | Acting Pastor | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Morley, J. H. | 1867, | 1. | 2 | Pastor | Winona | Winona. |
| Morse, Alfred. | 1847, | 6. | 7 | Acting Pastor | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Moses, L. H. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Walnut Station | Marshall. |
| Norris, K. F. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Anoka | |
| Norton, W. W. | 1858. | | | Without Charge | Alexandria | Northern. |
| Pelton, Geo. S. | 1877, | 5. | 15 | Acting Pastor | Glyndon | Northern. |
| Peregrine, Philip. | 1861, | 3. | 10 | Acting Pastor | Shetek, Lyon Co. | Marshall. |
| Pierce, N. H. | 1861. | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Pike, A. J. | 1859, | 3. | 9 | Acting Pastor | Sauk Centre | Northern. |
| Ray, J. W. | 1858, | 1. | 28 | Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Raymond, E. N. | 1862, | 9. | 24 | Acting Pastor | Granite Falls | Susquehanna, N. Y. |
| Roe, A. D. | 1867, | 2. | 5 | Acting Pastor | Afton | St. Croix Valley Con. |
| Rosenkrans, D. W. | 1875, | 6. | 28 | Pastor | Little Falls | Northern. |

MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1877—CONTINUED.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ruddock, C. A. | 1861. | 5. | 29 | Acting Pastor | Granite Falls | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Simmons, H. C. | 1872. | | | Pastor | Marshall | Marshall. |
| Simpson, Adam | 1876. | 10. | 1 | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842. | 3. | 24 | Without Charge | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, C. B. | 1851. | 10. | 9 | Acting Pastor | Excelsior | Northern. |
| Smith, P. S. | 1864. | 4. | 16 | Acting Pastor | Alexandria | |
| Snell, W. W. | 1859. | 10. | 16 | Acting Pastor | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr, O. A. | 1871. | 4. | 6 | Acting Pastor | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Stearns, J. G. D. | 1843. | 5. | 10 | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Northern. |
| Stimson, H. A. | 1870. | 5. | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Stone, C. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Dexter | |
| Strong, J. W., D.D. | 1862. | 9. | 28 | Pres't Carleton College | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Strong, J. C. | 1846. | 11. | 16 | Without Charge | Chain Lake Centre | Owotonna. |
| Terry, C. M. | 1871. | 11. | 2 | Without Charge | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Tobey, I. F. | 1873. | 7. | 17 | Acting Pastor | Brownsdale | Owatonna. |
| Todd, J. D. | 1860. | 1. | | Without Charge | Albert Lea | Winona. |
| Tuttle, H. B. | 1874. | | | Acting Pastor | Worthington | Owatonna. |
| Walcott, F. N. | Licentiate. | | | Missionary | Marine Mills | |
| Weld, Wm. M. | 1852. | 5. | 14 | Acting Pastor | Mazeppa | Northern. |
| Williams, E. M. | 1869. | 2. | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis, E. D. | Northern. |
| Williams, E. S. | 1864. | 6. | 10 | Pastor Elect | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Wilkinson, T. R. | 1876. | 11. | 10 | Acting Pastor | Atwater | |
| Willard, Henry | 1858. | 10. | 20 | Acting Pastor | Plainview | Winona. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859. | 5. | 18 | Without Charge | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Wilson, Wm. | 1870. | 3. | 1 | Acting Pastor | Hutchinson | |
| Woodbridge, C. M. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Breckenridge | |
| Wright, C. E. | 1875. | 6. | 2 | Pastor | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Young, Nelson | 1843. | 1. | 19 | Acting Pastor | Scambler | Northern. |

# HISTORICAL SUMMARY

## OF THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

| Organized Oct. 24, 1856. | | Place of Meeting. | Moderator. | Recording Secretary. | Correspond'g Secretary. | Statistical Secretary. | Preacher and Text. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Meeting 2d Thursday in October. | 1856 | St. Anthony | Rev. S. Hall | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. C. Seccombe | | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1 : 4 |
| | 1857 | Prescott, Wis | Rev. L. Armsby | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. C. Seccombe | | Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4 : 7. |
| | 1858 | Faribault | Rev. D. Andrews | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11 : 15. |
| | 1859 | Winona | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3 : 18. |
| | 1860 | St. Paul | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55 : 10, 11. |
| | 1861 | Anoka | Rev. O. A. Thomas | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. S. Fiske, Phil. 4 : 6. |
| | 1862 | Northfield | Rev. C. Shedd | Rev. A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. Chas. Sheed, 2 Thes. 2 : 13. |
| | 1863 | Lake City | Rev. W. R. Stevens | Rev. A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17 : 20, 21. |
| | 1864 | Rochester | Bro. C. M. Goodsell | Rev. A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. C. Seccombe, Prov. 24 : 10. |
| | 10 1865 | Minneapolis | Bro. R. G. Lincoln | Rev. J. F. Dudley | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2 : 1. |
| | 11 1866 | Faribault | Bro. W. G. Copp | Rev. J. F. Dudley | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 23 : 8. |
| | 12 1867 | St. Cloud | Rev. J. W. Strong | Rev. J. F. Dudley | Rev. D. Burt | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19 : 11, 27. |
| | 13 1868 | Austin | Bro. L. W. Furber | Rev. L. S. Griggs | Rev. A. Fuller | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. Fuller, Job 40 : 3 ; 42, 5, 6. |
| | 14 1869 | Owatonna | Bro. J. L. Noyes | Rev. L. S. Griggs | Rev. A. Fuller | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4 : 22, 12. |
| | 15 1870 | Northfield | Bro. R. J. Baldwin | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. A. Fuller | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4 : 28. |
| | 16 1871 | St. Anthony | Rev. J. W. Strong | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall | Rev. C. C. Salter, Is. 40 : 3. |
| | 17 1872 | Lake City | Rev. S. H. Barteau | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 18 1873 | St. Paul | Bro. H. W. Page | Rev. H. Bumsted | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall | Rev. H. M. Tenney, Phil. 2 :15, 16. |
| | 19 1874 | Winona | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. H. Bumsted | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3 : 9–17. |
| | 20 1875 | Minneapolis | Rev. L. H. Cobb | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 21 1876 | Austin | Rev. E. M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. G. A. Hood, Eph. 3 : 8. |
| | 22 1877 | Faribault | Rev. David Burt | Bro. Wm. Cheney | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. C. W. Merrill, Jno. 17 : 17. Rom. 3 : 23. 2 Tim. 4 : 2. |

## CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meetings of this body may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress, and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and an Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the second Thursday of October, at 7 o'clock P. M., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon, from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse; and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary or pastor of the church with which the Conference meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates of delegates shall be presented, and the names of the members enrolled, after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name and church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate, and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. Committees shall be appointed to propose place and preachers for the next meeting, on resolutions, revivals, printing and finance.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Conference shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing, and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. IV. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of Three in each Local Conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. V. Those officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committees shall be chosen annually by the Society, upon the nomination of the Local Conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the Local Conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make a written report to the Society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall consist of the chairmen of the several Executive Committees and two members at large, to be chosen annually by the Society. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman and another as Secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents to the parent Society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the appointment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Executive Committees.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. IX. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. X. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the Society.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *Provided* the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

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[Two years.]

REVS. H. A. STIMSON, E. M. WILLIAMS.
[One year.]

# MINUTES

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The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota met at Mankato, Thursday evening, Oct 10th, 1878.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Morley of Winona. Text, Matt. 16 : 15, 16.

Conference was called to order by Rev. L. W. Chaney, pastor of the church. Rev. G. A. Hood was chosen Temporary Scribe.

Revs. L. H. Cobb, D. A. Morehouse and Bro. B. R. Wood, Jr., were chosen a committee on nomination of permanent officers.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

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FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 11.

After a half-hour prayer-meeting, led by Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Conference was called to order by Rev. L. W. Chaney, and the roll was formed. The Committee on Nominations reported, and the following officers were elected :

*Moderator*—REV. D. L. LEONARD.
*Scribe*—REV. G. A. HOOD.
*Assistant Scribe*—REV. H. C. SIMMONS.
*Auditor*—C. D. HASTINGS.
*Treasurer*—J. E. BELL.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Conference were then read.

The Business Committee presented an order of exercises which by vote was adopted.

The Moderator appointed Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Dr. Dana and Bro. E. U. Judd, Committee on Nominations for the session.

The completed roll of the members of the Conference is as follows :

| Places. | Ministers. | Delegates. |
|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea, | J. R. Chalmers. | |
| Brainerd, | Adam Simpson. | |
| Burns, | H. B. Johnson. | |
| Butternut Valley, Goshen, | T. G. Jones. | Henry Hughes. |
| Butternut Valley, Salem. | " " " | Hugh Roberts. |
| Claremont, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Clearwater, | P. S. Smith, | L. C. Johnson. |
| Dodge Center, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Duluth, | E. C. Ingalls. | |
| Excelsior, | C. B. Sheldon. | |
| Fairmont, | Wm. Denly, | J. A. Armstrong. |
| Faribault, | T. C. Northcote. | C. D. Hastings. |
| Lamberton, | H. B. Johnson, | Mrs. Hattie Johnson. |
| Mankato, | L. W. Chaney, | W. L. Grant. |
| Mantorville, | Wm. Gill, | E. U. Judd. |
| McPherson, | R. S. Armstrong, | Mrs. Jane Hilton. |
| Marine Mills, | F. N. Walcott, | Mrs. F. N. Walcott. |
| Marine 2d, | F. N. Walcott. | |
| Marshall, | H. C. Simmons. | |
| Medford, | A. Graves. | David Sanborn. |
| Minneapolis, 1st, | | G. A. Wheaton. |
| " Plymouth. | | Wm. Cheney. |
| " 2d, | | Mrs. F. A. Bronson. |
| " Pilgrim. | G. A. Hood, | Dea. J. A. Tyler. |
| Morristown, | W. L. Sutherland. | |
| Northfield. | D. L. Leonard. | Prof. J. B. Clark. |
| Owatonna. | D. A. Morehouse. | |

| Places. | Ministers. | Delegates. |
|---|---|---|
| Rochester, | G. P. Blanchard, | Mrs. J. Briggs. |
| Rushford, | W. W. Snell. | |
| Scambler, | George Johnson. | |
| Sleepy Eye, | | D. J. Russell. |
| Spring Valley, | C. W. Merrill. | |
| St. Charles, | J. M. Van Wagner, | |
| St. Paul, | M. McG. Dana, D. D., | B. R. Wood, Jr. |
| Tracy Union, | L. H. Moses. | |
| Walnut Station, | L. H. Moses, | Shephard Moses. |
| Waseca, | Levi Loring, | Miss Eva Dibble, |
| Westford, | D. B. Eels. | |
| Winona, | J. H. Morley, | Eleazer Evans. |
| Worthington, | H. B. Tuttle, | Elihu Smith. |
| Yucatan, | W. W. Snell. | |
| Zumbrota, | | I. C. Stearns. |

Rev. L. H. Cobb, Supt. of A. H. M. S. for Minnesota.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., Secretary A. H. M. S., New York.
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Rev. Lyman Bartlett, Missionary A. B. C. F. M., Cesarea, Turkey.
Rev. C. A. Conant, Duluth.
Rev. Nelson Clark, Stillwater.
" D. Burt, Superintendent of Public Instruction.
" J. B. Little, Pastor Presb. Church, Mankato.
" J. H. Macomber, Pastor Meth. Church, Mankato.
" W. Whitney, Pastor Bap. Church, Mankato.

The Report of the Treasurer of Conference was presented and referred to the Auditor, who reported it correct. [See Appendix G.]

The Report of the Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society was presented, was amended by striking out the names of the persons aided, and referred to the Auditor who reported it correct. [See Appendix I.]

*Voted*, to limit discussion of papers presented to five minutes.

A paper by Rev. P. B. Fisk, of Lake City, on "The Preacher's duty with reference to the New Testament Doctrine of Sin and its Penalty," was read by Rev. L. H. Cobb, and after discussion was accepted and referred to Printing Committee.

Overtures to Conference were presented from the Anoka Conference by Dr. Dana, and from Winona Conference by Rev. J. H. Morley, with respect to the merging of Associations and Conferences.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, there has been some negligence in reference to the credentials of those invited to fill our pulpits for a longer or shorter poriod, because of which, improper persons or unaccredited men get into some of our pulpits; therefore.

*Resolved*, That the question as to the enrolling of such men and their recognition as ministers of our denomination, be referred to a committee to report to this Conference.

Dr. Dana, Revs. J. H. Morley and L. W. Chaney were appointed as this committee, whose report was adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, 1st. That the overture from the Anoka Conference, embodying the terms of union of the Northern Association and that Conference, be accepted; and that like procedure be commended to the other Associations and local Conferences of the State, so as to secure uniformity of practice and attain the objects proposed by the union of those two bodies.

2d. That the Churches of the State be and hereby are most earnestly requested to follow the good old fashion of our fathers, still deemed the safest, and for the parties concerned everyway the most advantageous, of summoning a council of neighboring churches to examine and regularly install as pastors the incumbents of their respective pulpits.

3d. That the Scribes of the various local Conferences, report to the General Conference as pastors or stated supplies, only the names of those ministers whose credentials have been regularly referred to and approved by the committees having that matter under charge.

4th. That an address in leaflet form be drawn up by a committee, addressed to the Congregational Churches of the State, explaining the course of procedure herein approved by the General Conference, and urging upon these churches the employing, even *temporarily*, of no minister whose credentials have not been examined and deemed satisfactory by the committee on credentials in the local Conferences, with which the several churches may be connected.

Revs. H. A. Stimson, J. H. Morley and Dr. Dana were appointed to prepare the leaflet, which they presented to Conference, offering to issue it at their own expense. It was accepted and endorsed by Conference.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with a devotional service of one hour, led by Rev. T. C. Northcote.

Dr. Dana read a paper on "The Influence of the Pulpit upon Modern Thought and Life," which was accepted and referred to Printing Committee.

The report from Carleton College was presented by Rev. D. L. Leonard, accepted and referred to Printing Committee [See Appendix D]. Conference took a recess for five minutes.

The committee on Reception of Churches presented their report, which was accepted, and the following churches enrolled:

Marine Second, Dassel, Grand Meadow, Morristown, La Verne and Clinton, Crookston, Yucatan, Amiret.

Secretary Powell, of the A. M. A. presented the claims of Chicago Theological Seminary.

It was voted that fifteen hundred copies of the minutes be printed, and that five cents per resident member be requested from the churches.

After discussion, it was voted that the payment for the minutes of the National Council be referred to a committee of three. Dr. M. McG. Dana, Revs. Wm. Gill, L. W. Chaney, were appointed. Their report was laid on the table, and this resolution substituted:

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be authorized to pay for the minutes of the National Council from the Conference Treasury.

The report of the Comittee on Nominations was adopted. [See Apendix A.].

Adjourned to 7:30.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

Conference met according to adjournment, for missionary addresses.

After singing, reading of Scripture, and prayer by Rev. W. W. Snell, Secretary Humphrey presented the cause of the A. B. C. F.

M. Rev. Lyman Bartlett, missionary at Cesarea, spoke for Turkey, and Secretary Powell represented the A. M. A. Miss Haines sang "Your Mission."

The committee on Place and Preacher reported the First Church, Minneapolis, as the place of meeting for the next Conference, and Rev. D. L. Leonard as the preacher, Rev. E. C. Ingalls, alternate.

The motion of last year that Conference begin its sessions on Wednesday evening was taken from the table, and it was

*Resolved* That Conference begin its sessions on Wednesday evening, and that the churches be recommended to instruct their representatives to remain through the Sabbath.

Adjourned to Saturday, 2 P. M.

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. After singing, and prayer by Rev. P. S. Smith, the roll was read. The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Rev. L. H. Cobb, accepted and referred to Printing Committee. [See Appendix B.]

The Statistical Secretary, Wm. Cheney, presented his report, which was accepted when complete and referred to Printing Committee.

The committee to visit Carleton College made their report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. (See appendix E.)

In response to a communication from Rev. W. B. Brown, D. D., Secretary of the Congregational Union, Conference appointed Rev. Dr. Dana Secretary of the Union for Minnesota.

A communication respecting an Academy at High Forest, Minn., was referred to the Faculty of Carleton College.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report which was accepted and adopted and referred to the Printing Committee. (See appendix F.)

The Committee on Finance and Printing made a report, which was accepted.

The Sabbath services were announced as follows:

*In the Congregational Church—*

9½ A. M., the Missionary Experience Meeting, led by Rev. L. H. Cobb.
10½ A. M., Preaching by Dr. Storrs.
2½ P. M., Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. C. B. Sheldon and Rev. W. W. Snell, assisted by Deacon J. Z. Stearns and Deacon Judd.
3½ P. M., a Union Children's Meeting addressed by Rev. Lyman Bartlett, of Cesarea, Turkey.
7½ P. M., Home Missionary Address by Dr. Storrs.

*Presbyterian Church—*

Morning, Rev. J. H. Morley.
Evening, Rev. D. L. Leonard.

*M. E. Church—*

Morning, Rev. H. B. Tuttle.
Evening, Rev. William Gill.

*Baptist Church—*

Morning, Rev. J. R. Chalmers.
Evening, Rev. D. A. Morehouse.

Conference voted the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws:

In the Constitution, Art. 13, after "a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises," insert "a Committee on Revivals." In the By-Laws change Art. 3 to read: "a committee shall be appointed by the Conference who shall nominate committees on place and preacher, on resolutions, on printing and finance, and other committees as they may be needed."

Rev. L. W. Chaney was elected Corresponding Secretary for three years.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

Conference met at 7:30 for a Home Missionary Meeting, led by Supt. Cobb.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. L. H. Moses, addresses were made by Revs. H. B. Tuttle of Worthington, H. C. Simmons of Marshall, J. R. Chalmers of Albert Lea, William Gill of Mantorville, Lyman Bartlett of Turkey, with singing by the choir.

Rev. E. S. Williams and Bro. J. L. Noyes were re-elected Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society for three years.

Hearty thanks were voted to the Congregational Church and to the people of Mankato for their kind hospitality; to the choir for their assistance, and to the railroads for benefits bestowed.

Adjourned to Sabbath evening.

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## SABBATH EVENING.

After a Home Missionary Address by Dr. Storrs, the minutes were approved: the Moderator expressed to the Mankato Church the thanks of the Conference for hospitality and other favors received to which the pastor responded, and after prayer by Rev. L. H. Cobb, the Conference adjourned.

D. L. LEONARD, Moderator.

G. A. HOOD, Scribe.
H. C. SIMMONS, Asst. Scribe.
WM. CHANEY, Rec. Secretary.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order in the Congregational church at Mankato, Friday, Oct. 12, 1878, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Rev. Levi Loring was elected Moderator and Rev. E. C. Ingalls, Scribe.

After prayer by Bro. I. C. Stearns, of Zumbrota, the nominating committee of the Conference was authorized to act in the same capacity for the Society.

C. D. Hastings, Esq., was elected Auditor.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, audited and accepted. [See Appendix H.]

A paper from the "Minnesota Woman's Cent Society" was presented, asking advice of Conference as to the wisdom of continuing it. The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved* That in order to systematize the benevolence of the churches, this Conference appoint a committee of three to correspond with the various Woman's Cent Societies and Auxilliaries to the Woman's Boards in the state, to counsel, and endeavor to secure a union between them and a proper division of their receipts between the Home and Foreign work.

D. A. Morehouse, D. L. Leonard, and J. R. Chalmers were appointed as said committee.

Superintendent L. H. Cobb presented his report which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. [See Appendix C.]

A paper was next read by Prof. J. B. Clark of Carleton College, on "The Effect of External Aid on Self-reliance in Spiritual Work," which was accepted and referred to the committee on printing. [See Appendix J.]

The meeting then listened to an address by Secretary H. M. Storrs, D. D., on the present work of the American Home Missionary Society.

Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., was elected President, and Rev. L. H. Cobb, Treasurer.

A vote was passed that we receive the Society Records from the retiring Secretary, Rev. E. M. Williams, with thanks for his services. A collection amounting to $3.40 was taken, to pay for the book.

The District Conferences presented nominations for Executive Committees of the said bodies, and the following is the list as confirmed by the society:

*Anoka Conference*—G. H. Hood, E. S. Williams, D. C. Bell.
*Northern Conference*—G. S. Pelton, Adam Simpson, E. C. Ingalls.
*Western Conference*—J. L. Fonda, O. P. Champlain, H. C. Simmons.
*Owatonna Conference*—L. W. Chaney, C. E. Wright, Levi Loring.
*Winona Conference*—J. H. Morley, Henry Millard, W. W. Snell.

*Voted*, to change the first period of Art. VII. of the Constitution to read as follows:

"The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years, after their first election, and to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year."

Also

*Voted*, to amend the provision in the same article, for nominating Superintendents, so that it shall read as follows:

"Together with the Chairman of the Conference Committees, they shall nominate to the parent Society, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents, whom it is to appoint and pay."

*Voted*, That the classes provided for in Art. VII. be divided according to the alphabetical order of their names.

The following persons were elected as members of the Board of Directors:

Rev. E. M. Williams, Minneapolis; Rev. H. A. Stimson, Minneapolis; Rev. D. L. Leonard, Northfield; Bro. Andrew Lee, Northfield; Rev. M. McG. Dana, St. Paul; Rev. David Burt, St. Paul; Bro. R. G. Baldwin, Minneapolis.

The minutes were read and approved. After prayer being offered the Society adjourned.

E. C. INGALLS, Scribe.

# APPENDICES.

## (A.)

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE.

*Business Committee*—Revs. M. McG. Dana, H. A. Stimson and Bro. D. C. Bell.

*On Arrangements*—Revs. E. M. Williams, E. S. Williams, and Bros. G. A. Wheaton and M. H. Crittenden.

*On Finance and Printing*—Revs. D. L. Leonard, G. A. Hood and Bro. M. H. Crittenden.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, C. A. Conant and Bro. D. C. Bell.

*On Revivals*—Revs. J. P. Morley, P. B. Fisk and L. W. Chaney.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. M. McG. Dana, T. C. Northcote, G. P. Blanchard, A. Graves and Bro. Wm. Cheney.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF MINN. H. M. SOCIETY.

*Anoka Conference*—G. A. Hood, E. S. Williams, D. C. Bell.

*Northern Conference*—G. S. Pelton, Adam Simpson, E. C. Ingalls.

*Owatonna Conference*—L. W. Chaney, C. E. Wright, L. Loring.

*Western Conference*—J. L. Fonda, H. C. Simmons, O. P. Champlin.

*Winona Conference*—J. H. Morley, H. Willard, W. W. Snell.

## (B.)

### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION, OCTOBER 10, 1878.

Besides the twenty-one churches reported last year as self-supporting, there are nine additional; of these, however, four must be classed as unsupported, rather than self-supporting, and of the rest, three are able to dispense with missionary aid only because they are served by pastors on half pay or less than that.

Several churches, other than those here reported, have, during the year, assumed independence, and will appear in the report of Superintendant Cobb. The organization of a new church in Crookston, Polk county, will be duly noted by him, but deserves honorable mention here as the single instance, in the history of our churches, of independence at the very beginning of church life. The year has been one of real gain in self-reliance, self-support, under pressure, no doubt, their advance has been made, but it shows what can be done when necessity urges, and when courage does not fail. It is, at any rate, matter of congratulation.

From some of these thirty churches no report has been received in answer to the request sent to them all.

Such facts as have come to hand are here given :

Austin, Rev. C. E. Wright, pastor, has received six by confession; has wiped out a debt of $1500; has been somewhat disabled for church work by a bitter strife agitating and dividing the whole community.

Cottage Grove, Rev. E. J. Hart, pastor, is much weakened and depressed by loss of members. Five new members have been received. The church will hardly maintain itself without aid.

East Prairieville has no minister, and is unable to support one. The Methodists use its house of worship one half the time. The prospect is discouraging.

Elgin is without a minister, and cannot maintain separate services. The people meet with the Methodists.

Excelsior has been without regular supply during the absence of the acting minister, Rev. C. B. Sheldon. As result interest has declined, financial embarrassment and failure in the plan of systematic benevolence. The pastor's return gives hope of better days.

Faribault has changed ministers. Rev. T. C. Northcote is now acting pastor. No gain in members. Good attendance at Sabbath services and Sunday schools.

Lake City has installed a new pastor, Rev. P. B. Fisk. Increase is reported in congregations. Six have been added by confession. A larger and better church edifice is needed. The pastor preaches to the children Sunday morning. Sunday School has brightened interest in the use of an opening form of worship.

Marine Mills, F. N. Walcott, acting pastor, has made trial of self-support,

with fine success and eminent advantage. Congregations are larger and more interested. The Sunday School flourishes. Benevolent contributions are increased. The pastor's salary is paid promptly. Effective temperance work has been done. A second church has been formed four miles away, with twenty two members received by confession. A chapel has been built at a cost of $1000, and paid for. This, in what was a wicked and reckless community.

Minneapolis, First, Rev. E. M. Williams, pastor, has had a prosperous year, with some additions of young people. During the pastor's absence in Europe, Rev. C. M. Terry has served the church acceptably and fruitfully.

Minneapolis, Plymouth, Rev. H. A. Stimson, pastor, has been continually prosperous, but laments apathy in spiritual life.

Northfield, Rev. D. L. Leonard, Pastor, has suffered unusual loss by death and dismission. Benevolent contributions have been larger than ever, avaraging $5 per resident member. Three mission Sunday Schools are sustained, and the Pastor has three out stations. Church and College are in full sympathy and co-operation.

Owatonna, Rev. D. A. Morehouse, acting Pastor, has gained in numbers, has cancelled debt, and has been generally prosperous. The church celebrated its twentieth anniversary last October.

Plainview, Rev. Henry Willard, acting Pastor, has made no growth in numbers, but has had fair attendance on all services

Quincy has had no preaching, and has had little more than a name to live.

Rochester, the Rev. G. P. Blanchard, Pastor, reports a church debt paid, and a prosperous year financially, with good attendance on Sabbath services, but no increase of members.

Saratoga is without ministerial supply. The only religious services are held by the Methodists.

Sauk Rapids, Rev. Sherman Hall, acting Pastor, reports great weakness and discouragement. Half the members, by reason of age or ill health, are disabled for church work. The people are poor, and for two years have paid their pastor only $50 each year. He, however, has served regularly and faithfully. He writes: "I do not know that our prospects are brighter for the future. We hope the Lord will in some way help us, and not suffer the little vine which he has planted to be rooted up."

Spring Valley, Rev. C. W. Merrill, acting Pastor, reports seven received by confession, and as many dismissed. The church is in good working order, with spiritual life and fair prospects.

St. Cloud has no Pastor. The Church sustains a Sunday School and Prayer Meeting and worships with the Methodists. Has a pleasant house of worship, free from debt, cannot support a pastor, but means to hold fast the organization.

St. Paul Plymouth, Rev. M. Mc G. Dana, D. D., Pastor, was for some months without pastoral care, but maintained church life and work. In March Dr. Dana was installed with an auspicious opening of his pastorate. Congregations have increased, prayer meetings grown in interest and a goodly number have been received by confession. There are four mission schools and the home school flourishes. The tokens are good for healthy life and growth in the future.

Wabasha, Rev. J. W. Ray, acting Pastor, has an increased membership, the result of special religious interest last winter. During the Pastor's absence in Europe, sermons are read and prayer meetings conducted by six of the brethren in turn. The Church is surrounded by a large German population (Roman Catholic), and has but few supporters. It has continued twenty-two years and hopes to live and prosper.

Winona, Rev. J. H. Morley, Pastor, reports a prosperous year, with an increase of members.

This record if not brilliant, has its lines of light. Yet the year has not been rich in the fruits of vigorous christian and church life. Something better is surely possible, is surely due to our cause and our King.

The enemy is abroad and active. We will not be abashed by the boastful and defiant conspiracy of unbelief, worldliness and sin. The stronger powers are with us, powers of truth, right and love, powers of our gospel and our Christ, and the invincible spirit of God. It is ours to use these, or rather to let them use us; ours to make new vows of loyalty, to put on the whole armor of God, and as good soldiers go forth together upon brave and hopeful service, enduring hardness as we must.

N. C. CHAPIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

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### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Sixty-two missionaries, twenty-two of them new men, including two theological students, have been in missionary work a part or the whole of the year since Oct. 14, 1877. They have cared for from one to seven stations each, including the home churches; in all, one hundred and forty preaching places. Seventy-seven churches are now, or have been aided during the year.

#### COME TO SELF-SUPPORT.

GLYNDON and MUSKODA, HAMILTON, CROOKSTON, MANTORVILLE, MANKATO, MARINE First and Second, WADENA and WASECA have assumed the support of their pastors. In this list CROOKSTON heads what we hope will be a long roll of honor; *it starts off self-supporting*, with the call to its first separate pastor. The A. H. M. S., through its nearest missionary, Bro. Pelton of Glyndon, worked up and organized the church, supplying it occasionally as he could be spared from his own field. Calling Rev. F. H. Smith from Darlington, Wis., the church pledged his salary and is making headway in a community where christian work is greatly needed. *This is the first instance of separate self-support from the beginning in our State work.* GLYNDON and MUSKODA keep Bro.

Pelton and pay his salary. A good work of grace at GLYNDON resulting in twenty hopeful conversions, the closing of the last and only liquor saloon, with accompanying moral progress, make this one of the best years in the life of this church. HAMILTON, with a little persuasion, was enabled to see that a community of well-to-do farmers, after receiving aid eighteen years, could honor the Lord with their substance by paying Bro. Fuller for excellent sermons and faithful pastoral labor without further assistance. MANTORVILLE, one of our oldest and best churches so far as material is concerned, after bravely struggling against the discouragement of annual emigration, finds in Bro. Gill a man who is willing to trust God and his people for his support, without any special pledges. We expect that both pastor and people will find a blessing in the plan adopted, and that spiritual good will follow their labor for God. WASECA church, in one of our growing, enterprising towns, with a population of 2000, were kindly advised to try self-support the last half of the year, they having come within $100 of it the first half; and they are adjusting themselves to the work.

MANKATO church, in the midst of a population of 6,000, and surrounded by rich farming communities, joins cheerfully with their pastor to whom they are warmly attached, in the effort at self-support, of the success of which we have no doubt.

MARINE, calling Rev. F. N. Walcott, assumed his support a year since, with the promised aid of an outlying district near Arcola. Interest developed in that district, almost at once. Backsliders were reclaimed, several were converted, a chapel built, and on the 25th of February, a church of 17 members was formed and the chapel dedicated. Interest has continued throughout the year, in what is to be known hereafter as the SECOND CHURCH OF MARINE. Several cases of interest have occurred in the FIRST CHURCH. Temperance has received careful attention, with good results. This SECOND CHURCH OF MARINE is the second church of our faith in the State that can say: "We never asked missionary aid."

WADENA worships half the time with the Methodists, and is supplied the other half by Rev. Charles Skuse, recently from Belfast, Ireland, whose clear thought and earnest delivery satisfy his best hearers. His only reward is his love for the work, and the small amount the people can pay him. Cheering rumors reach us of plans to do the same thing in several other churches, which seem measurably sure to become effective at the end of this fiscal year.

NEW CHURCHES.

Osakis, organized January 13, 1878, 18 members.
Marine Second, organized February 6, 1878, 17 members.
Dassel, organized February 25, 1878, 12 members.
Grand Meadow, organized April 11, 1878, 7 members.
Crookston, organized April 24, 1878, 26 members.
Morristown, organized May 5, 1878, 11 members.
Yucatan, organized May 19, 1878, 11 members.
Lu Verne and Clinton, organized June 12, 1878, 11 members.
Amiret, organized July 17, 1878, 12 members.

Total, nine churches, 125 members, 59 by profession, 66 by letter. Only three of these churches constitute separate fields adjoining the Lu Verne and Clinton church, and by the same council, a church of 15 members was organized at Valley Springs, D. T., June 11, and one of 7 members, June 13, at Rock Rapids, Iowa. The superintendent intends to keep closely within State lines; but when some of God's hungry children, only one and half miles over the line, into a Territory (Dakota) that then had no superintendent, call for Congregational bread, he cannot well refuse it, especially where our own work can be forwarded by so doing.

### THE BALANCE SHEET.

As far as reported, the Missionary Churches have added 184 on profession of faith; 222 by letter; 406 in all; 168 have been removed; net gain 238. 25 report no additions by profession or letter; 31 none by profession.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

For the year ending March 31, 1878, the receipts of the A. H. M. S., from this State were $3,852 as against $2,020 the year previous, a gain of $1,832. The amount pledged by the Society to aid Churches in paying the salaries of missionaries, was $15,658; to aid Sabbath Schools $180. For the current year beginning April 1, the aid pledged is $10,000 plus what is raised in the State for H. M. work. $105 have been sent us to aid in Sabbath School work the current year, and it has been expended. $8.00 besides this have been sent us by individuals east, and something will be added by Sabbath Schools in the State.

### CHURCHES NOT WORKED.

The same as last year.—*Glenwood, Granville, Guilford and Mountain Lake.*

### NEW MEN.

Rev. Wm. Carl, Marshfield and Lake Benton.
Rev. J. R. Chalmers, Albert Lea and vicinity.
Rev. C. P. Cheeseman, Maine and St. Olaff.
Rev. W. A. Cutler, Monticello.
Rev. Q. L. Dowd, Alexandria.
Rev. A. S. Emmons, Fairmont.
Rev. Wm. Denley, Fairmont.
Rev. J. E. Higgins, Fergus Falls.
Rev. J. S. Hull, Dassel and Collingwood.
Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Elk River.
Rev. H. B. Johnson, Lamberton and Burns.
Rev. J. A. Palmer, LuVerne and Clinton, etc.
Rev. J. S. Rounce. Brownsdale and Lansing.
Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Granite Falls and vicinity.

Rev. F. H. Smith, Crookston.
Rev. J. E. Storm, Princeton and Baldwin.
Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Morristown and Waterville.
Rev. M. M. Tracy, Detroit and Audubon.
Rev. R. B. Wright, Dexter and Grand Meadow.
Rev. I. L. Corey, (vacation) Sauk Center.
Rev. R. C. Loveridge, (vacation) Afton and Lakeland.

Of these, Brethren Cutler, Rounce, and Ruddock have been in the work before, but not the last year.

CHANGED FIELDS.

Brother Drake, from St. Charles to Dodge Centre and Claremont.
" Eells, from Belgrade and Providence to Westford, &c.
" Ingalls, from Benson to Duluth.
" Moses, from Lamberton to Tracy.
" Simpson, from Fairmont to Brainerd.
" Smith, P. S., from Alexandria to Clearwater.
" Conant, from Duluth and Brainerd to Cannon Falls and Douglass.

LEFT THE WORK.

Brethren—Todd, for Presb. work at Moscow and Loudon, Minn.; D. Jenkins McCracken, Norton and Tobey for work in other States (Ia. Wis. and Cal); Goodsell and Mills, T. A. and B. F., for theological study; Starr and Stone, on account of health: Clark and Roe for other work.

ORDAINED.

Rev. K. F. Norris, Nov. 14, 1877, Anoka.
Rev. F. N. Walcott, Dec. 6, 1877, Marine.
Rev. B. F. Mills, Feb. 18, 1878, Cannon Falls.
Rev. A. S. Emmons, April 16, 1878, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Wm. Denley, July 3, 1878, Salem, Mass.
N. B.—The last two only, have been in H. M. work this year.

INSTALLED.

Rev. P. B. Fisk, Feb. 7, 1878, Lake City; Rev. M. McG. Dana, May 9, 1878, St. Paul.
N. B.—Both these churches are self-supporting.

NOT INSTALLED.

Rev. J. M. Van Wagner, St. Charles.
Rev. T. C. Northcott, Faribault.
N. B.—These churches are self-supporting.

DISMISSED.

Rev. E. C. Ingalls, from Benson, June 21, 1878.
Rev. C. A. Conant, from Duluth and Brainerd, Oct. 29, 1878.

DIED.

A former missionary and brother beloved, Rev. L. C. Gilbert, at Lone Tree Lake, Brown county, June 4, 1878, aged 72 years and 11 months. Also the wife of Rev. M. M. Tracy, at Detroit, Aug. 4, after a painful illness of six weeks. She was a lady of rare culture and spiritual fitness for the wark.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Burns, Claremont, Dexter, Dodge Center, Marshall, Minneapolis Second and Pilgrim, Morris, Gilmanton, Marine Second and Morristown, have enlarged, built, or are now building houses of worship. Albert Lea has placed seats instead of chairs in its house. Fairmont dedicated its house, Nov. 18, 1877. Claremont ditto, July 21, 1878. Elgin has helped our M. E. friends build house, to be used jointly. Minneapolis Pilgrim has added 250 sittings, and rededicated July 30, 1878.

PARSONAGES.

Scarcely anything would encourage permanency in our work more than comfortable houses for our ministers and missionaries. In several cases now pending, it is impossible to secure suitable houses for the family of the pastor, by rent or purchase. Several have been compelled to build. Medford has bought a parsonage. We know of but four parsonages among all our churches.

REVIVALS.

Only seven of the H. M. Churches report revivals: Amiret, Audobon, Glyndon, Hawley, Hutchinson, Little Falls and McPherson.

THE NEW DEPARTURE.

At the beginning of the current year, the A. H. M. S. entered on a new plan of work, known as "The Apportionment Plan." This plan names a definite sum from which each State may ask appropriations, and beyond which it cannot go. It is hoped and confidently believed that this plan will bring the dependent States and Missionary churches to self-support sooner than the old method. The "cutting down," for which this year has been noted, is not necessarily any part of the plan. With the treasury from $8,000 to $35,000 in debt, "cutting down" has been inevitable. That this, in many cases, has fallen on the missionaries, has been the most painful item in the work of the year. In a majority of in-

stances the churches have come up nobly, and assumed the difference. To avoid what would have been an inevitable deficit, the whole field was carefully tabulated, as soon as the new plan was put into our hands, and the "cutting down" made as nearly equal as possible. The Missionary Committees of the several conferences were asked to do the same for the churches under their oversight. Some of them failed to report, so that no uniform basis has been fixed for the committees to work upon. This, we trust, will be reached at the meeting of the State Board to be held in connection with this meeting.

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## FIELD NOTES.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

AFTON and LAKELAND were under the charge of Rev. A. D. Roe, till the close of his year, May 1, since which date he has given his time to the work of County Superintendent of Schools, preaching only occasionally, as churches may call. About the first of July, Rev. R. C. Loveridge, of Oberlin Seminary came to spend his vacation with these churches. He has made himself so acceptable, that the people at Afton call him to remain with them, and he accepts the call for what they can pay him. ALEXANDRIA was well served by Bro. Smith, till the close of his year, May 1, when Clearwater called him and he accepted. Sept. 1, Rev. Q. L. Dowd, from Wis., took charge of the work which opens hopefully. BALDWIN and PRINCETON called Rev. J. E. Storm, of Ill., Nov. 21, and have had a year of blessing under his ministry. BELLE PRAIRIE and LITTLE FALLS are still in charge of Bro. Rosencrans. A work of grace in which Bro. P S. Smith, then of Alexandria, rendered valuable aid, gave promise of good, which has been only partially realized. The family of the missionary have been deeply afflicted in the loss of two children, a lad of 16 years by drowning, and a daughter of great promise, who had just graduated from the Normal School at St. Cloud. The field is a very laborious one. CLEARWATER took care of itself mainly from Oct. 21 to May; various distinguished divines preaching to them by proxy. The church seems warmly united in Bro. Smith. DASSEL furnishes a good example of what a devoted layman can do. Bro. Maxson, though a day laborer, nevertheless cared for the Sabbath School and Prayer Meetings with a few faithful helpers, till Feb. 25. when a church of 12 members was organized. Since May 1, Rev. J. S. Hull has been rendering most acceptable work there, and at Collingwood congregations are large and the outlook is hopeful.

ELK RIVER, though off our list last year, being supplied by the local school teacher, felt obliged to ask aid in the support of Rev. W. M. Jenkins, of Michigan, who began work June 1, and $100 were granted for six months, at which time it is hoped the church will be able to assume the full support of the pastor. For weeks, from 2 to 5 have been added to the Sabbath School every Sabbath, 10 have joined the church, and signs of growth encourage the pastor and his energetic wife in their earnest labors.

GILMANTON has had no work done for it except that done by Deacon J. K. Stewart, one of its devoted members. Amid other duties and cares, Brother Stewart has prepared discourses for the people, walked nine miles, preached, and conducted the Sabbath School, all for the joy of doing good.

GLENCOE and ROUND GROVE report steady gains in influence and spiritual life under the faithful labors of Brother Chandler.

HUTCHINSON and PRESTON LAKE (hitherto known as COLLINS) have had a prosperous year under Brother Wilson.

HUTCHINSON reports revival with a few hopeful conversions.

MINNEAPOLIS, PILGRIM has had a year of vigorous work, and large growth. Twenty-six have been added to its membership which nearly doubles the number enrolled March 1, 1877, when the present pastorate began. The 150 sittings of the chapel proved so entirely inadequate as to oblige the church to enlarge its house. It now seats 400 and the cost of enlargement is so provided for as to leave no debt on the society.

MONTICELLO allowed Brother D. Jenkins to leave at the close of his year for work in Iowa, and called Rev. W. A. Cutler, from Illinois, formerly at Little Falls, Minnesota. Results are as favorable as could be expected from a field in which there are four churches for less than 300 church goers.

OSAKIS is a new church of 18 members, organized Jan 18, by Brother Smith while at Alexandria. We hope to join this field with Sauk Center or Alexandria. The inability of the people to raise any considerable sum toward the support of preaching has prevented our sending a missionary.

PAYNESVILLE and UNION GROVE have had a year bordering on financial distress from the loss of crops. Brother Wilkinson has filled his appointments, living largely by faith.

SAUK CENTRE supplied itself during the winter calling the ablest man they could lay hands on to preach by proxy, while Prof. Webster of the High School read. The church has been most faithfully and successfully served during the summer by Rev. I. S. Corey of Oberlin Seminary, the people paying the expense.

TWO RIVERS opened the year with some division of feeling on the part of the church. Nine members withdrew and joined an Evangelical association, since which harmony has prevailed. Fifteen have been added to the church, thus making the number good. The missionary having a house to build and a parish covering six points has had a busy year.

☞ NOTE.—The churches in Washington county, Afton, Cottage Grove, Lakeland, and the churches in Marine, are connected with the St. Croix Valley Convention.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

AUDUBON and DETROIT, last year under the pastoral care of Rev. G. S. Pelton, and whose labors, especially at AUDUBON, were greatly blest, June 1st called Rev. M. M. Tracy from Three Rivers, Mass. Bro. Tracy, with his excellent wife, entered hopefully upon the work. In one month from their arrival she was seized with disease, which, after six painful weeks, ended her life. She was a

lady of rare culture and love for the work. May her grave beside the little church in Detroit be like that of Harriet Newell on the Isle of France. Bro. Tracy sends his children east and continues his work.

BRAINERD and DULUTH for several years happily yoked under Brethren Salter and Conant, in the best of feeling toward each other and him, parted company at the close of Bro. Conant's second year, August 1, simply and only because no man can supply two churches 115 miles apart, to the best advantage. Bro. Conant has done all any man could be asked.

BRAINERD now calls Bro. Simpson of Fairmont, and DULUTH calls Bro. Ingalls of Benson, and they are both at their work. FERGUS FALLS has been under the pastoral care of Bro. Goodsell, who came fifteen months since from Yale Divinity School only for his vacation. The church at FERGUS FALLS would not let him return. He and his wife have won a warm place in the esteem of the whole community. He takes his last year of theological study at Chicago, and will be welcomed to our work at its close. HAWLEY and PARK still believe in Father Kribs and in lay-preaching. Father Kribbs has filled his appointments as far as health would allow on alternate Sabbaths at each place, and to the great joy of his heart has seen the work of God revived in HAWLEY, resulting in ten hopeful conversions and seven additions to the church by profession. A portion of the vacant Sabbaths at HAWLEY Bro. W. Mather, a member of the Hawley church, has conducted service. He and Bro. Stewart of Gilmanton take their license from Numbers 11 : 26—29.

MAINE AND ST. OLAFF, left vacant by Bro. Mills returning to study, were supplied occasionally by Bro. Goodsell from Fergus Falls. April 21, ult., Rev, C. P. Cheesman, of Wooster, O., took the work and has been doing thoroughly acceptable work. SCAMBLER AND LAKE PARK have been warmly united, and apparently blessed, under the labors of Rev. Geo. Johnson, of Sterling. Bro. J. has had an eye on all new points and new-comers, and has made good use of time with them. As an aid in his work he publishes an occasional "Prairie Leaflet."

### OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ALBERT LEA.—For years when this name has been called, brethren have smiled and shaken their heads. It is now ALBERT LEA's turn to smile. Bro. Todd dropped the work there very suddenly, almost without notice, in November. January 1, 1878, Rev. J. R. Chalmers, of Vermont, began work. The church had come so near to despair as to seriously think of disbanding. In nine months the Lord has put a new song into their mouths. Persons of means and influence in the town have taken hold of the work. The new slips in the house are paid for. A congregation of 83, averaging 47, rewards patient toil and long waiting. Additions have been made to the church. Bro. and Mrs. Chalmers have toiled with energy that has known no bounds. BELGRADE AND PROVIDENCE were under Bro. Eells' care, till July 15. The chance for growth on this field is limited. Leaving this field Bro. Eells took work at WESTFORD, with Cedarville and Fox Lake as out-stations. Martin county has long needed two men. BROWNSDALE, June 1, called Rev. J. S. Rounce, formerly at Northfield, Minn., to succeed Bro.

Tobey, who, after five years faithful labor, left Feb. 1. LANSING is included in Bro. Rounce's field. Reports are encouraging.

BUTTERNUT VALLEY, (SALEM and GOSHEN) and SOUTH BEND have given Brother Jones twenty-five miles travel as often as he could find time to make it. Reports from the VALLEY churches have been appreciative and encouraging. CHAIN LAKE CENTER, FAIRMONT and WESTFORD entered on the third year with Brother Simpson. The state of his health compelled a change, and Rev. A. S. Emmons, of Brooklyn, N. Y., came to the work, May 1. His health failed, and he left the work at the end of three months. Sept. 1, Rev. Wm. Denley, of Salem, Mass., took the work at FAIRMONT and CHAIN LAKE CENTER. If variety is the spice of life, this field is well spiced. CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER have been deeply absorbed in church building. Bro. Drake is equally in his element laying bricks or building spiritually. Claremont has completed her work, and paid for it almost entirely out of home funds. Dodge Center plans for the best church in the county. Congregations are good at both points. DEXTER and GRAND MEADOW, both new churches, were under the pastoral care of Bro. Stone until June 1. Bro. Stone's health failing, Rev. R. B. Wright, of Illinois, took the work. The chapel at Dexter is completed, and the work is in a vigorous and hopeful state. FREEBORN, HARTLAND and BERLIN, with Lemond as an outstation, give Bro. Fisk more than any man ought to do The churches felt, and so did we, that the field ought to be divided. Lack of funds alone, prevented. FREEBORN has lost, and HARTLAND, on becoming a railroad town, has gained by migration. Fidelity marks all the work of Bro. Fisk. LU VERNE and CLINTON, in Rock county, a new church with a double name, yoked with VALLEY SPRINGS, D. T. and ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., furnish a field thirty miles long for Rev. J. A. Palmer, formerly of Sioux Falls. The growth of Lu Verne, with its new railroad, and the filling up of the surrounding country make this a promising field. Rev. C. W. Matthews, who has resided on this field and preached with a view to organization for three years, deserves large credit for the result. A Presbyterian was placed on the field, in full knowledge of the facts, after the council for organization was arranged, and only a few days before it met. The movement seriously involved the comity question. MEDFORD has had an excellent year, with Bro. Graves as pastor. The fragrance of Bro. Powell's godly life and work is still rich. Bro. Graves is reaping what Bro. Powell sowed. The family of Bro. Powell still resides in Medford, and cherish the work as when in charge of "The Prairie Missionary."

MORRISTOWN seems warmly united in work and attached to Rev. W. L. Sutherland, who came from N. H., to labor among them, June 23d. Signs of the Spirit's presence have attended the work from the first. The only serious hinderances are the state of the brother's health, and an unfinished house of worship. NEVADA and ROSE CREEK are respectively passing their sixth and ninth year under Bro. Morse. These are small fields, but repay the work done for them. MCPHERSON, with County Line and Danville as out stations (both of which propose soon to organize as churches) have given Bro. Armstrong a busy year, and reported very favorably. WORTHINGTON grows under the faithful labors of Bro. and Mrs. Tuttle, now on the fourth year on that field. The church evidently

means self-support soon, by the advance it has made this year on subscriptions for the pastor's salary.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

AMIRET and TRACY BETHEL still retain Bro. Peregrine. AMIRET (formerly SARATOGA) has organized a church, and if not hindered by sectarian division, will grow. BENSON, till June 1, was under the pastoral care of Bro. Ingalls. Faithful devotion to the work, carefully prepared sermons, and systematic pastoral visiting ought to have yielded larger returns. Emigration has had a damaging effect; local feuds still more damaging, and last, but not least, the organization of a Baptist church, when all the church-going people in town would scarcely fill our house. There is a prospect of four churches in that town soon. BRECKENRIDGE has had an unproductive year. A Bro., C. M. Woodbridge, from Illinois, was allowed to visit the field on trial, secured a call, and stayed the larger part of six months, leaving the work for study. A Methodist, Bro. T. C. Hodgson, preached for them a few Sabbaths, by an arrangement of his own. BURNS and SLEEPY EYE, till July 1, were yoked under Bro. Champlin, when BURNS was yoked with LAMBERTON, and placed under the care of Rev. H. B. Johnson. Bro. Champlin, against all odds and discouragements, holds the field firmly, and does all his health will allow. GRANITE FALLS has just passed one of the best years in its history. Rent by feuds, Sept. 9th, 1877, they called Rev. C. A. Ruddock, whose work had been so richly blest at CANNON FALLS. Finding only the fragments of a church, he colonized enough Christians from other points for a nucleus; took money from his own pocket to pay up the last pastor, and raised $200 among friends to pay that and other debts. The church is now on a good footing, and Bro. Ruddock is called for the second year. HANCOCK and MORRIS have had a good year. Morris is building a much needed house of worship. The bonds between pastor Fonda and his people strengthen as the years go on. HAVELOCK, LAC QUI PARLE and MONTEVIDEO have held Bro. Starr now seven years. Health fails, and he resigned, April 15. The work *here*, too, feels the divisive influence of rival sects.

MARSHALL AND UNDERWOOD. Bro. Simmons has still thoroughly in hand, and the field grows every way. MARSHALL is now in the midst of church building. MARSHFIELD, with Lake Benton as an outpost, called Rev. Wm. Carl, May 1, and the work proves abundant. Its western boundary is toward the Pacific Ocean. TRACY UNION, after several months without supply, yoke with WALNUT STATION, and has been since May 1, under Bro. Moses. Union, and harmonious co-operation will help this field greatly.

### WINONA CONFERENCE.

This conference has come very near its majority. It has but one missionary field in it, under our charge. LENORA is yoked with Burr Oak, Ia., and reports to Superintendent Adams. RUSHFORD, in Fillmore county, and YUCATAN, a new church in Houston county, now and for *twenty-three years* under Bro. Snell, constitute the one missionary field in this Conference. But for the emigration of Americans, and the immigration of Scandinavians and Germans, this field would long since have been self-supporting. It is no fault of our excellent brother that it is not so now.

### FINALLY AND FINANCIALLY.

1. We kindly and earnestly urge our brethren to note the small number of revivals in the State this year; the diminished number of additions to our churches, as compared with last year, and the large number of churches (27) that have added none by profession.

2. Nearly six months of the Society's year have passed, but far less than one-half of $3,852 have been raised in the State for Home Missionary Work! Our resources are cut short by as much as we fail to raise this sum. Will every pastor and church see that not less than $1.00 per member is sent to help on this work?

L. H. COBB.

## (D.)

### CARLETON COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT (BY REV. D. L. LEONARD, IN BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT.)

Another year of prosperity has been vouchsafed to the College. I doubt if, as regards financial condition, number of students and character of work done, it has ever had a better. The attendance for 1877–8 was 254, of which about two-fifths were young ladies, and came from six States and thirty counties of our own State and representing eight denominations. Eight students were graduated at the last Commencement, and a member of the first graduating class returned to take his second degree. Fifteen hopeful conversions are reported.

Three members of the faculty have visited Europe: Miss Armsby, for the long vacation, President Strong on leave of absence for six months for rest and travel, and Miss Evans, for a year of study in Germany. In place of the latter Mrs Ada A. Estabrook has been chosen as Acting Preceptress.

During last winter Prof. Sperry spent three months in the southern counties of the State lecturing on Physiology and Hygiene, aided by a manakin, skeletons, charts, &c., with good success financially, and in various other ways, rendering the college substantial service.

The great advance of the year consists in the construction of an Astronomical Observatory. This important step forward was taken largely through the enthusiasm and indefatigable zeal of Professor Payne. The building, costing some $1,500, was erected in the early summer. A fine Transit Instrument, manufactured by Fauth & Co., Washington, D. C., and costing $930, is in place, as well as two clocks for mean and sideral time, costing respectively $400 and $500, the latter the gift of a friend in the East; and a first-class Equatorial Telescope has been ordered from A. Clark & Son, Cambridgeport, Mass., and will be finished and delivered during the present Autumn at a cost of $3,000. The glass is 8½ inches, and the focal length 12 feet. Telegraphic communication has been opened with St. Paul and Minneapolis, and several jewelers and railroad companies in those cities receive their time daily from the Observatory.

The Library has been increased through purchases and donations by 450 volumes. A complete set of Littell's Living Age in 104 volumes was presented by S. N. Stockwell, Esq., Boston.

A second Literary Society has been organized, and both are in a flourishing condition.

A Haydn chorus has been organized with some sixty members, and meeting weekly for practice.

The Young Men's Christian Association is active, and the Ladies' Missionary Society continues to direct beneficence and foster missionary zeal.

## (E.)

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.

This committee has endeavored to attend to its duty at the examinations with which the terms close, and especially at the Annual Commencement.

To speak of the work of the college in general terms of eulogy would be to repeat in substance the reports of former years. To notice the well-sustained purpose of giving a religious tone to the culture of the college, would be simply to state a well-known plan of the institution from the first. We deem it proper, however, to make special reference to the fact that its religious culture is not undertaken in formal style. It relies upon the letter of no catechism, it inculcates the formulas of no set creed. Its religious influences are in the social atmosphere of the school, and are exerted through the lives of the teachers and the Christian students of several different churches represented in the college. We consider this an admirable feature of the culture of the institution. It is religious but unsectarian; Christian, without the brand of any particular church. Our public schools may learn from this how to retain the Christian spirit of their founders without the use of outward forms to which exception would be taken.

Your committee would also notice the practical character of the class recitations. In physiology the class seemed to be investigating each his own physical organism, and acquainting himself with the laws of his own health. Chemistry is treated as a science which the pupil should understand in order to succeed in agriculture or in any of the mechanical arts. Natural philosophy is studied with industrial ends in view, and the roots of Greek and Latin are made to germinate and to grow into trees of English, symmetrical in their branches and beautiful in their foliage. Moral science is taught on the same plan. The pupil seems to be searching after principles for the moral regulation of his own life.

In our visits we have seen but little to criticise. The students are improving in distinct articulation, and there is more spirit in their utterances than one found some time ago.

The general literary progress of the College has been such that its present standard of culture is comparable with that of any other similar institution in the West. If not true to-day, it will soon be a fact that no substantial advantage can be gained by young men who go to eastern institutions for a higher education.

Respectfully submitted,

D. BURT,
C. W. MERRILL,
W. W. SNELL,
D. A. MOREHOUSE,
D. C. BELL,
Committee.

## (F.)

### RESOLUTIONS.

CARLETON COLLEGE.

***Resolved***, That we recognize with profound gratitude the rich blessing of God upon Carleton College, and we earnestly commend this institution to the sympathy and patronage of all our churches.

CHICAGO THEOL. SEM.

***Resolved***, That in the growing need of a trained and consecrated ministry to meet the religious demands of our own country and the world, we recognize the Chicago Theological Seminary as an institution eminently fitted to meet the exigencies of the times, and in view of its present financial stress, we bespeak for it the beneficence of the churches.

A. B. C. F. M.

***Resolved***, That recognizing the rich favor of God to the American Board in opening enlarged fields of labor, we urge upon our churches an enlarged liberality that these fields may be fittingly tilled.

A. H. M. S.

***Resolved***, That we deeply sympathize with the needy home missionaries upon our frontiers, and urge our churches to rally with increased vigor and zeal to the support of the Home Missionary Society, that so its appointees may speedily be relieved from the embarrassment and suffering consequent upon its debt of $30,000.

A. M. A.

***Resolved***, That the work of the American Missionary Association has a peculiar claim on every thoughtful citizen, and especially on every Christian. As we are "bound up in the bundle of life" with our Indian, Chinese and Negro brothers, we must remember that if one member suffers, *all* the members must suffer also.

AM. CONG. UNION.

***Resolved***, That since the Congregational Union renders such indispensible service in assisting young and feeble churches to erect houses of worship, we shall fail to meet our obligation if we fail to remember this society in our gifts.

W. S. F. S.

***Resolved***, That this Conference appreciating the services of Bro. Robert Smith, for six years agent and missionary of the Western Seaman's Friend Society, again commend him and his work to the sympathy and aid of our churches.

TEMPERANCE.

***Resolved***, That we earnestly commend to the active support of our churches the Minnesota S. S. Temperance League. The work it is attempting to do among the youth of our State is both wise and imperative. The simplicity of its methods and the great promise of success in the same, merit for it a place in every Sunday School, and the pronounced friendship of Superintendants, Pastors and parents.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

***Resolved***, That we urge upon all of our Sunday Schools the importance of training our youth in the gospel grace of giving systematically to the cause of missions, both home and foreign.

## (G.)

### TREASURERS' REPORTS.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA,
In account with Rev. E. M. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

| 1877. | DR. | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 29. | To postal cards, $1.25; printing do., $1.25 | $ 2 50 |
| Nov. 6. | " balance due Treasurer | 18 64 |
| Nov. 13. | " Wm. Cheney (bill of Statis. Sec.) | 6 00 |
| | " " " (copying Minutes) | 10 00 |
| | " Johnson, Smith & Harrison, 1500 Minutes | 133 50 |
| Nov. 14. | " postage and expressage to April 2 | 9 73 |
| 1878. | | |
| Jan. 8. | " Committee on Revivals | 2 55 |
| Jane 25. | " express on Minutes of National Council | 16 65 |
| Sept. 13. | " Statistical Secretary for printing | 3 50 |
| | " Business Committee for printing and postage | 5 50 |
| | | 208 57 |
| | " balance in treasury | 21 20 |
| | | $229 77 |

| 1877-8. | CR. | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 3—May 9. | By cash assessment on the churches | $224 41 |
| Nov. 14. | " " advertisement for Carleton College | 4 00 |
| | " " interest | 1 36 |
| | | $229 77 |

Audited and found correct.
C. D. HASTINGS,
Auditor.

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## (H.)

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
In account with WM. CHENEY, Treasurer.

| 1877. | CR. | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 25. | By cash of Woman's Cent Society | $ 184 65 |
| Nov. 1. | " " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 17 47 |
| Nov. 28. | " " " " " " | 8 92 |
| 1878. | | |
| Jan. 2. | " " " " " " | 28 83 |
| Jan. 10. | " " " Cong. Union Church, Austin | 17 56 |
| Jan. 30. | " " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 19 12 |
| March 1. | " " " " " " | 24 22 |
| " 13. | " " " Cong. Church, Lake City | 25 00 |
| " 30. | " " " " Austin | 25 00 |
| " 27. | " " " " Lake City | 15 00 |
| April 2. | " " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 23 75 |
| May 3. | " " " " " " | 22 80 |
| " 29. | " " " " " " | 38 97 |
| June 20. | " " " Cong. Church, Lake City | 32 50 |
| July 1. | " " " Plymouth Church, Minneapolis | 20 55 |
| Aug. 2. | " " " " " " | 17 55 |
| " 29. | " " " " " " | 15 97 |
| Oct. 1. | " " " " " " | 12 07 |
| | | $539 95 |

| 1877. | DR. | |
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| Nov. 27. | To cash paid Mr. Cobb | $202 12 |
| 1878. | | |
| Jan. 8.—Oct. 3. | To cash paid Mr. Cobb | 337 83 |
| | | $539 9 |

RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN H. M. S. FROM MINNESOTA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31ST, 1878.

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|---|---|
| 1877. Sept. Dec. | $1,214 63 |
| 1878. Jan.—Aug. | 2,505 14 |
| | $3,719 77 |

Audited and found correct; vouchers found for each payment.

C. D. HASTINGS, Auditor.

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## (I.)

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY,

In account with D. L. LEONARD, Treasurer.

CASH ACCOUNT.

| | | | Dr. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1877. Oct. 13, | To | cash on hand | $ 3 50 | |
| " " | " | collection at Faribault | 40 75 | |
| Oct. 14, | " | communion collection | 20 66 | |
| Dec. 3, | " | B. Dunning, paid note and interest | 40 80 | |
| 1878. July 13, | " | P. M. Green, paid interest on note | 68 55 | |
| Oct. 5, | " | Citizens' Bank of Northfield, interest on deposit | 2 00 | |
| | | Total | | $176 26 |

| | | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1877. Dec. 12, | By | paid Mrs. L. W. B. (voucher 12) | $ 40 00 | |
| 1878. Jan. 25, | " | paid Mrs. M. W. P. (voucher 13) | 20 00 | |
| Oct. 8, | " | loan to L. C. Storbraaten | 100 00 | |
| Oct. 9, | " | deposit in Citizens' Bank of Northfield | 12 92 | |
| Oct. 11, | " | cash on hand | 3 34 | |
| | | Total | | $176 26 |

ASSETS OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Note of P. M. Green (12 per cent., due 1881) | 572 00 | |
| Accrued interest on same | 17 16 | |
| Note of L. C. Storbraaten (1 year, 12 per cent.) | 100 00 | |
| Certificate of deposit in Citizens' Bank of Northfield | 12 92 | |
| Cash on hand | 3 34 | |
| Total | | $705 42 |
| Net increase for the year | | 72 76 |

Audited and found correct.

C. D. HASTINGS, Auditor.

## (K.)

**DESIGNATING THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE CHURCHES ARE LOCATED.**

Afton, Washington.
Albert Lea, Freeborn.
Alexandria, Douglas.
Amiret, Lyon.
Anoka, Anoka.
Audubon, Becker.
Austin, Mower.
Baldwin, Sherburne.
Belgrade, Nicollet.
Belle Prairie, Morrison.
Benson, Swift.
Berlin, Steele.
Brainerd, Crow Wing.
Breckenridge, Wilkin.
Brownsdale, Mower.
Burns, Brown.
Butternut Valley, { Salem, Goshen, } Blue Earth.
Cannon City, Rice.
Cannon Falls, Goodhue.
Chain Lake Center, Martin.
Claremont, Dodge.
Clearwater, Stearns.
Cottage Grove, Washington.
Crookston, Polk.
Dassel, Meeker.
Detroit, Becker.
Dexter, Mower.
Dodge Center, Dodge.
Douglas, Dakota.
Duluth, St. Louis.
Elgin, Wabasha.
Elk River, Sherburne.
Excelsior, Hennepin.
Fairmont, Martin.
Faribault, Rice.
Fergus Falls, Otter Tail.
Freeborn, Freeborn.
Gilmanton, Benton.
Glencoe, McLeod.
Glenwood, Pope.
Glyndon, Clay.
Grand Meadow, Mower.
Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine.
Granville, Goodhue.
Guildford, Freeborn.
Hamilton, Fillmore.
Hancock, Stevens.
Hartland, Freeborn.
Havelock, Chippewa.
Hawley, Clay.
Hutchinson, McLeod.
Lac qui Parle, Lac qui Parle.
Lake City, Wabasha.
Lakeland, Washington.
Lake Park, Becker.
Lamberton, Redwood.
Lansing, Mower.
Lenora, Fillmore.
Little Falls, Morrison.

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ello, Wright.
, Stevens.
town, Rice.
ıke, Cottonwood.
da, Clay.
a, Mower.
field, Rice.
, Douglas.
nna, Steele.
Clay.
sville, Stearns.
iew, Wabasha.
ville East, Rice.
n Lake, McLeod.
ton, Mille Lacs.
ence, Nicollet.
, Olmsted.
Rochester, Olmsted.
Rose Creek, Mower.
Round Grove, McLeod.
Rushford, Fillmore.
Saratoga, Winona.
Sauk Centre, Stearns,
Sauk Rapids, Benton.
Scambler, Otter Tail.
Sleepy Eye, Brown.
South Bend, Blue Earth.
Spring Valley, Fillmore.
St. Charles, Winona.
St. Cloud, Stearns.
St. Olaff, Otter Tail.
St. Paul, Ramsey.
Sterling, Blue Earth.
Tracy, { Union, / Bethel, } Lyon.
Two Rivers, Morrison.
Underwood, Lyon.
Union Grove, Meeker.
Wabasha, Wabasha.
Wadena, Wadena.
Walnut Station, Redwood.
Waseca, Waseca.
Westford, Martin.
Winona, Winona.
Worthington, Nobles.
Yucatan, Houston.
Zumbrota, Goodhue.

## KEY TO MAP.

1. Minneapolis—First.
2. Excelsior.
3. Winona.
4. Sauk Rapids.
5. Anoka.
6. Butternut Valley.
7. Monticello.
8. Spring Valley.
9. Faribault.
10. Princeton.
11. Saratoga.
12. Granville.
13. Lake City.
14. Northfield.
15. Medford.
16. Wabasha.
17. Minneapolis—Plymouth.
18. Zumbrota.
19. Austin.
20. Sterling.
21. Owatonna.
22. Glencoe.
23. Lenora.
24. Rochester.
25. Marine Mills.
26. Mantorville.
27. Elgin.
28. Lakeland.
29. Dodge Center.
30. St. Paul.
31. Afton.
32. Cottage Grove.
33. St. Charles.
34. Clearwater.
35. South Bend.
36. Guilford.
37. Claremont.
38. Rushford.
39. Hamilton.
40. Mazeppa.
41. Prairieville East.
42. Quincy.
43. Plainview.
44. St. Cloud.
45. Chain Lake Center.
46. Paynesville.
47. Sauk Center.
48. Lansing.
49. Glenwood.
50. Minneapolis—Second.
51. Nevada.
52. Waseca.
53. Fairmont.
54. Cannon Falls,
55. Providence.
56. Alexandria.
57. Mankato.
58. Douglas.
59. Brownsdale.
60. Hutchinson.
61. Belle Prairie.
62. Duluth.
63. Westford.
64. Preston Lake.
65. Montevideo.
66. Lac qui Parle.
67. Cannon City.
68. Fergus Falls.
69. Little Falls.
70. Glyndon.
71. Detroit.
72. Brainerd.
73. Marshall.
74. Rose Creek.
75. Audubon.
76. Albert Lea.
77. Granite Falls.
78. Belgrade.
79. Sleepy Eye.
80. Worthington.
81. Hancock.
82. Park.
83. Hawley.
84. Muskoda.
85. Minneapolis—Pilgrim.
86. Freeborn.
87. Mountain Lake.
88. Morris.
89. Walnut Station.
90. Hartland.
91. Wadena.
92. Tracy—Bethel.
93. Elk River.
94. Tracy—Union.
95. Two Rivers.
96. Marshfield.
97. McPherson.
98. Round Grove.
99. Baldwin.
100. Goshen.
101. Underwood.
102. Gilmanton.
103. Union Grove.
104. St. Olaff.
105. Maine.
106. Scambler.
107. Lamberton.
108. Burns.
109. Benson.
110. Breckenridge.
111. Havelock.
112. Berlin.
113. Lake Park.
114. Dexter.
115. Osakis.
116. Marine Second.
117. Dassel.
118. Grand Meadow.
119. Crookston.
120. Morristown.
121. Yucatan.
122. La Verne and Clinton.
123. Amiret, Lyon.

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## ECT OF EXTERNAL AID OR SELF-RELIANCE IN SPIRITUAL WORK.

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uestion which has fallen to me for discussion I propose to consider onomic point of view. In the broad sense in which Political Economy erstood, a theory of Missionary enterprises falls legitimately within its and I propose to cite a few familiar principles of this science, and to ı to this question.

ubject might seem to include the effect of assisting students for the s well as that of aiding churches which need assistance. If language urately, however, I consider that the former topic is excluded by the *rnal* and *aid*; words which apply to gifts, not to payments, and which the receiver only is to be benefited by the transaction. The sums o ministerial candidates can hardly be viewed, economically, otherwise advanced payments for future services. The church, in view of a carcity of clerical labor, finds it necessary to advance, through the ncy, a portion of the compensation of such labor. As the sums come nployer, they are not external; and, as the giver has a benefit to himself, they are not aids. As the candidate is forced to rely on himself for ng of the promised service, it is difficult to see how the transaction can y lessen his self-reliance. It can do so only where the true relations e not clearly discerned. It is therefore desirable that the economic ne transaction be kept in the foreground, and, to that end, that the resting on the recipient to fulfill his part of the contract, should be from the outset. Whatever gives a color of charity to the relation removed.

sure of obscurity may exist in some minds as to the real nature of all minister and people; and in some unfortunate quarters there may of charity about all payments for ministerial labor. The modes of e transfer are sometimes unfortunate. Contribution boxes suggest ayments; and the education society is regularly classed as an object os stead of what it is, a purchasing agency for the securing of future or. A false school of Political Economy has added to the obscurity by rgymen as "unproductive laborers." Modern Political Economy has his particular error, by distinguishing the product of clerical labor, g that product with other forms of wealth. This product is sold for delivery, in the case of the minister, and for future delivery, in the e theological student. It is in harmony with this view that the purld dictate at the outset the quality of the product to be delivered, and right to withdraw the payment, if the product should seem likely to a different quality. In the present connection this whole subject it ıy of the attention which I have given to it for the light which if the second topic, the effect of external aid on churches which receievd .

The work of an education society and that of a missionary society are, economically, of directly opposite character. The one pays money to ministers for an equivalent; the other gives it to churches for no equivalent, though the churches may in turn, pay it to ministers in exchange for a value received. The one organization is a purchasing agency; the other is a disbursing agency. Sums received by churches from the Home Missionary Society are external, and they are aids, since the receiver only, and not the giver, derives a direct economic benefit. The effect of such transfers of wealth is the subject of a separate division of Political Economy, one which discusses the giving, not the exchanging, of wealth.

The necessity for giving to those who need originates with inequality of property, and progresses in proportion to that inequality. The lowest physical wants are earliest recognized as claiming relief. Hunger is relieved earlier, historically, than intellectual and spiritual destitution. It was Christ who placed spiritual wants on the list to be provided for. The duty of preventing spiritual as well as physical starvation was prominent among his precepts, constantly enforced by his example, and solemnly confirmed in his final injunction to the apostles.

In one aspect there is a distinction between the practice of giving for the relief of physical needs, and that of giving for the satisfaction of the higher wants; in the one case the gift is received with reluctance, as involving something of humiliation; in the other it is gladly accepted and involves no injury to self-respect. Men are unwilling to accept what is given from pity or a sense of duty, but quite willing to receive a gift that is prompted by a sentiment of affection. Giving, in the one case, is charity in a narrow sense; in the other it is charity in the broad sense, the sense in which Christ's preaching and sending of the gospel to all men was charity. Economically however, these two distinct charities fall in the same category and are governed by the same laws, and the statement of these general laws throws the light which we need on the subject we are discussing.

Modes of giving are progressive, and systematic charity tends, in general, to supersede the chance action of individuals. A still greater advance, and one which has been but recently effected, is made when the effect of all giving is investigated, and when effort is turned only in such directions as tend to prevent rather than to increase the poverty which is relieved. As early as the time of the codification of the Levitical law some system was observed in providing for the wants of the poor, and in the selection of persons to receive the provisions. In the Savior's time this system was in force, and the general duty of giving was emphatically confirmed. There was, however, no disposition to question the effect of giving in general; that it was benefical was regarded as a matter of course. Poverty was considered a fatality, and the relief of it, like the relief of any suffering, an unmixed good. There was not a glimmering of an idea that poverty might be prevented. There was no studying of society with a view to the removing of its practical abuses. Society was supposed to move as the world moves, resistlessly.

In recent times, and largely by such economists as Ricardo, Malthus and Mill, the laws of ordinary charity have been investigated. The results of these studies are sufficiently familiar. The chance giving by individuals is an arrangement calculated to secure the selection of unworthy persons for relief, and the exclusion of worthy persons. Street begging may be a less evil than the starving of the poor; but that is about all that can be said for it. The giving through authorized agents aims to discriminate between worthy and unworthy objects of relief; it partially accomplishes its object, and must continue to be employed in connection with other measures. It is, at best, what physicians call a palliative; it does not remove, but frequently tends to increase the disease. If prolonged in any case beyond a temporary emergency, it necessarily lessens the actual exercise of self-reliance, and goes far to remove the power of exercising it. Only under certain conditions, to be hereafter stated, is relief permanently beneficial.

Every class in society has a standard of living, determined by the wants which the members of the class experience, and which they have the ability to satisfy. This standard is advanced whenever new wants are awakened and, at the same time, satisfied. The clay-eater of the South experiences an advance in his standard of living when he begins to feel the want of wholesome vegetable food, and to exert himself to secure it. The Irish peasant who has lived exclusively on potatoes, advances his standard when he wants and, by effort, secures a diet of wheaten bread. Among the class most needing relief, the standard of living is so low that, if they fall greatly below it, they are in danger of starvation, and claim charitable assistance. If that relief be permanently administered, in such a manner as simply to restore them to their accustomed standard, awakening no new wants but simply providing for the satisfaction of old ones without effort, they very soon come to rely on the external aid and lessen their own exertions accordingly. Giving permanently to the poor for the purpose of maintaining them in an established standard of living necessarily makes permanent paupers. From certain causes the number of permanent paupers under such a system must increase, and if the system were to be continued would eventually reach a point where effectual relief would be impossible. All charities are liable to this accusation, first, if they are permanent, and secondly, if they have the effect of simply maintaining an established standard of living. The two conditions of legitimate giving are therefore, first, non-permanence, and secondly, a tendency to raise the standard of living. Charitable gifts should always be given and received as temporary aids, and should consist as far as possible of things which are not wanted until a taste for them is acquired.

"If a man be hungry, give him a book or a sermon" might seem to be poor humanity. It may be simply intelligent humanity. Positive hunger must necessarily receive temporary relief, but there must be in the substance and the mode of the charitable gift something which awakens new and higher wants; otherwise present effort will be slackened, future surpluses will be in danger of being employed for gross gratifications, and the pauper list will be permanently enlarged.

Now, in all economic points, there is a parallelism between the laws of physical and those of spiritual charity. There is an immense class having a standard of spiritual living so low that, if they fall below it, they starve spiritually. Under

such circumstances, the continuance of any spiritual life among them depends on their receiving from others the plainest religious nourishment. As in the case of physical relief, however, the gift must be temporary, and must be administered in a manner that shall raise their standard of spiritual living. It must awaken desires previously dormant, and must then leave those desires to be gratified by self-exertion. If it fails in these requirements it is liable to the same accusations which are brought against ordinary charities ill administered. As ordinary charities, when permanent, and when so administered as only to maintain the existing standard of living, destroy self-reliance, and permanently increase the pauper class, so spiritual relief, when continued, and when not calculated to raise an existing standard of religious living, destroy self-reliance in spiritual things, and create a condition of permanent dependence no less objectionable than the former. Men will not pay for religious commodities when they can get all they are conscious of wanting of them without effort; and the longer they receive them on this condition the less inclined they are to pay for them. They must be made to want better things than they now possess, by first receiving them as a gift, and then, when the appetite is awakened, be left to provide them by their own efforts. The conditions of legitimate giving for the relief of spiritual wants are identical with those governing ordinary charity: limited continuance of the gift and such a selection of things to be given as shall tend to create a higher life standard. This is a comprehensive rule, determined by *à priori* reasoning, and confirmed by extensive observation.

I rejoice to know that a majority of home missionary churches with which we have to deal illustrate, in the main, the favorable side of the law. In communities where the spiritual life was low, judicious aid has raised the standard. The appetite for spiritual things being created, the communities have heartily co-operated in the work of satisfying it, giving more than in proportion to their means for the object. In cases where, at the proper time, the aid has been withdrawn altogether, they have maintained and even advanced their newly acquired standard of religious living. The advance has been evident by quantitative methods of estimating: they have secured to themselves more commodities of a religious nature than they had before. It is still more evident by what may be termed dynamic methods of estimating, according to the effect of the new possessions on themselves, the value they have learned to set upon them, and the manhood they have developed by their effort to secure them. Most home missionary labor has added, not paupers, but productive citizens to the spiritual community. Most of the funds expended in these efforts have created, not a cavern into which new supplies must continue to be poured, but a fountain from which the stream perpetually returns. The gifts have been generally self-renewing.

The difference between the bottomless pit on the one hand, and the self-renewing fountain on the other, may be ascribed to differences of management; and it would be more than could reasonably be expected of human nature, to suppose that, in transactions of such magnitude, exactly the methods for securing the best results should have been always used. There is necessarily a strong pressure of personal inclination on the part of both givers and receivers, which

tends to prolong the gift beyond the proper limit. It is easier to say "Yes" than "No" when churches ask for assistance, especially when previous assistance seems to have been worthily used. When a strong appetite for spiritual things has been created, the receivers are likely to be most urgent for the continuance of the gift; yet it is precisely then and there that that aid should be promptly discontinued. The withdrawal of external aid where it is earnestly wanted, the giving of it where, for the time being, it is not wanted, is the only correct policy in any charity, spiritual or otherwise. The principles which determine this fact are unquestioned.

If illustrations were needed of the evil effect of marked violation of these principles they would be found in every one's experience. I have seen a church which has long received the privileges of the Gospel at the expense of other people, and which, in ordinary matters, has seemed to derive benefit from those privileges. The morals of the community have been improved by the church services. Yet, from the long continuance of the external aid, their own efforts have been slackened, the value of that which has been received has been cheapened, and indolence and niggardliness have been created. When the aid has been finally withdrawn, as eventually it always must be, they have suffered a decided retrogradation in their standard of religious living before being awakened to the necessity for exertion.

How niggardly a church can become under favorable circumstances, is sometimes illustrated in communities where the expenses are provided for by a permanent fund. The members of a certain church, years ago, supposed they were serving the Lord by providing such an endowment. The income from it was five hundred dollars a year. In the course of a generation the expenses were increased to six hundred dollars, and it was next to impossible to raise the extra one hundred. Five dollars per annum was a burden for a wealthy person. Some of the descendants of those who had founded the endowment maintained that, as their inheritance had been lessened by the amount their fathers had given, they were, in reality, themselves giving an amount per annum equal to the interest on the original gift, and they could not afford to give more. The community was financially prosperous during this entire period. I am of the impression that at present their prosperity has been lessened, but that their generosity has been somewhat increased.

Thoughtful persons always realize the importance of directive forces, as distinguished from motive forces, in every department of activity. An indefinitely small force which directs may exceed, in its effects, an indefinitely large force which impels. The wind moves a vessel with resistless power; the entire force may be neutralized or turned into an agency of destruction by a very small force exerted on the rudder. If the missionary enterprise be likened to a ship, it also is moved by a large force and steered by a small one. Prayers and gifts innumerable impel it; a small amount of thought and effort directs it; and the hopes and destinies of millions are the freight which it carries. If there are principles which govern this kind of navigation, how carefully should they be studied and followed.

## THE INFLUENCE OF THE PULPIT UPON MODERN THOUGHT AND LIFE.

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The purpose of this paper is to suggest how the pulpit may more wisely and powerfully influence the thought and life of the present age. It is a most serious inquiry, and one that needs to be pursued with great earnestness and, withal, great charity. All realms of thought and life lie open before the pulpit, challenging its review from the standpoint of the highest and calmest wisdom, inviting its help, if that be given in the spirit of the freest and tenderest friendship.

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1. To start with, we affirm that in order to influence modern thought and life, the pulpit must know this age. The pulpit of to-day must be familiar with to-day's books and schools of thought; it must know about what subjects those in the pews are thinking; what the living issues of the hour are; what the tendencies and temptations of modern life are. In other words, the pulpit, if it would be felt, and still hold its place as man's kindliest ally, must keep abreast of the times, and be *en rapport* with the latter's problems, understanding the trend of its thought, and able to teach the truth in such forms as the peculiar condition of to-day demands. Not to "discern the signs of the times" would be in the pulpit a fatal lack. To know our foe, is indispensable for successful conflict with him. The pulpit of to-day is widely differentiated from the pulpit of the apostolic or scholastic age. It has a different rôle to fill than it had in the seventeenth century. Much that the pulpit opposed with excellent effect to the Tindal of the seventeenth century, it can not and should not have the face to offer against his more accomplished namesake in Birmingham. We want the weapons of modern warfare, and therefore must the pulpit know the characteristics of those whom it is called upon to meet in deadly combat. We have not a little to fear from unwise utterances in the pulpit, from a dogmatism now no longer tolerated, and a shallowness and conceit which rob it of its power and respect. It will not do for it to speak with the tone and temper of alarmists, nor to speak, when fronted with keen and learned antagonists, hastily, and without equal understanding.

Therefore would we emphasize the necessity of the modern pulpit thoroughly studying the features of this age, and making itself acquainted with the real questions in debate. We can never conquer what we do not know; and let it be borne in mind, we are confronted now, not by ignorance but by knowledge. The pulpit of to-day is opposed not by coarse infidels, who denounce religion as priestcraft, and worship, as the unveracious flattery of the strong by the weak. They, on the contrary, recognize the value and permanence of the religious element in man; they are not irreverent; they uphold a standard and theory of duty, which they claim is higher and better than that of Christianity.

The minister of to-day, if he would make his influence felt by the thought and life about him, must become acquainted with the doubts and perplexities of his people. From a well informed mind as well as a fervent heart, he needs to

speak. It is a most difficult part to perform, I grant you, for, while intelligent, he must not be impatient; while he can not hope to master all the science of the hour, he must know its points of contact and conflict with the Christian faith. While he should speak unhesitatingly and decidedly, he should all the more avoid the charge of flippancy or ignorance. When the pulpit incurs ridicule for its want of clear knowledge on the questions in controversy, and its utterances lack the wisdom and lofty spirit that should characterize them, it loses its hold upon the culture and intelligence of its congregations. A narrow pulpit, an unsympathetic or dogmatic pulpit, will not influence the present world, to whose restlessness the most gifted men are assaying to minister. I would not, so to speak, intellectualize the pulpit, or convert its occupants into rivals of lecturers and scientists, but have it rather so understand the age that it shall not mistake as to the wants of those to whom it speaks. It should command the respect and confidence of those unfriendly to it; it should grow helpful to those who have turned away from it in despair. The universal spread of intelligence compels the pulpit if it would influence its age, to fortify its every utterance, not only with Gospel, but with common sense and scientific precision. It must touch the deep intuitions of the soul, or it will fight as one that beateth the air. That was a weighty utterance of Principal Fairbairn of England, before the autumnal assembly of the Congregational Union in Great Britain: "We have to fear an enemy neither in the dark nor in ambush; we are face to face with our foemen, *see and are seen*, and have need to bear us in the fight like men on whose skill and courage the faith of centuries depends; whose ears can hear the voices of unborn generations, speaking words of strength and cheer."

(2) The pulpit's influence on modern thought should be corrective. There is much in the thinking of the day that is wild and reckless; much that is illogical and scientifically untrustworthy. A wise and watchful pulpit has much to do in saving the people from the errors which are so rife, and the loose and dangerous speculations which take captive the unwary. Just now there may be witnessed a most determined and unjustifiable attempt to establish materialism upon a basis of reason and fact. Many in Christian circles are filled with alarm, while those outside of the Church are exulting over the seeming discomfiture of Christianity. But neither are justified in the attitude taken, and it remains for the pulpit to keep the former from a shameful panic, and to show the latter that they are rejoicing over what is farthest from a victory. No less an authority than Dr. Lionel Beale, of London, in his instructive and able paper on the Materialistic Revival, in the July No. of Princeton Review, declares that the right course to pursue now is not to defend religion but to attack materialism. The apologetic and defensive course has been followed long enough, the time is ripe for a wise assault upon the enemy. He claims that some who have lately discarded Christianity have done so on the belief of certain things which are erroneous, and have not been demonstrated. Not a little of the infidelity of the times can be best dissipated, he suggests, by a gentle and critical dissection rather than by too serious and solemn treatment, or by the thunders of anathema. We therefore must post ourselves as to the dicta and arguments advanced in favor of infidelity. We would, as preachers, then be both more respected and in meeting

these, more helpful to our people. What can be done in this way, President Dwight's course at Yale College suggests. He drew out from the senior class all the scepticism of its members, and then for six months preached those masterful discourses against infidelity which completely changed the character and thought of the students in the college. What we have most to fear in such parishes as we find in this State is that the people will be duped, through their ignorance and through the plausible reasonings of unchristian teachers, be misled. In all our communities nearly every form of unbelief may be found—Adventism, with its demoralizing effects and its unscholarly teachers; Spiritualism, which is the more dangerous because covert, undefined, and because it undermines all true Christian faith; Ingersollism, which shallow and brilliant, *takes* in the saloons and with the conceited and those alienated from religion;—Infidelity such as results from science, though falsely so-called, and is arrogant and bold. All these form the phases of antichristian thought which pulpits represented here have to meet, and they must be able to deal wisely with them. The pulpit has much to do in the way of correcting the loose thinking of communities, in directly and openly exposing the nature and working of these dangerous and false doctrines. It has the part of a critic to fill, can expose and correct, can unmask and unfold the true *inwardness* of much of this cheap, current unbelief. There are tests to apply to all these phases of scepticism which will show up their character, and reveal the modicum of truth in each; therefore is the pulpit never destructive, as are the opponents of Christianity; it does not pull down, which is the easiest and cheapest of all kinds of attack; it labors to correct and conserve, to show wherein the thought of the community is philosophically and historically defective and to establish the philosophic and historic soundness of the facts and doctrines of Christianity. Remembering this and holding to it, the pulpit can repel the charge of being narrow, or afraid of science. If it puts fearlessly every system of antichristian thought to the test, asking, "is it true," if dispassionately but faithfully, it inquires whether it works well, judging the scheme by its fruits, it will establish its hold on the confidence of the intelligent and well-meaning, and be recognized in the end as a true friend of men, and an ally of all truth.

(3) Our preaching must be more *positive*, if it would affect the life and thought of to-day. The Christian theory of mind and nature, of man and history, must be presented as the more rational. We should labor to make our conception of God and nature stand forth in its completeness. Theism is a more rational theory of the universe than Atheism, and therefore should we make its reasonableness clearly and impressively manifest. It is historically true that the great constructive systems have been the most powerful, promotive alike of theological progress and religious life. A strong, well-defined faith is an energizer; it enters like iron into the else thin blood of the body when enfeebled. It tones up the whole man; gives him something to grasp, something to live by and live for. If our Christian faith has of late years grown simpler, it need not, therefore, become less pronounced or strong. Men can not live on mysticism, or on what is vague and general. They need a faith which touches them at many points, and can penetrate and inform every department of life. What must be demonstrated for our Christian belief is, that it furnishes the best reason for the world's

xistence, the best explanation of its history, and the surest ground for all rational opes as to the future. A faith thus clear and commanding, makes, in turn, ommanding men. Such a faith is one that can be preached authoritatively. nd with the power that comes from the consciousness of its truth. We know, herefore do we speak, should be the preacher's confession. Positiveness is not ecessarily dogmatism. And while we seek to be genial and generous in Chris- ian belief, we should none the less present it distinctly outlined. Then it stands learly defined as opposed to every form of unbelief. It has not only an answer o give to all its enemies, but then in addition it has its own compend of truths nd duties, to which it expects a hearty obedience. That pulpit will best affect he community's life wherein it is planted, which enjoins upon all, the great facts f the Gospel, and strives to commit them to the utmost activity in all practical nethods of human helpfulness. Christianity not only inculcates believing, but iving, and suffers no divorce between doctrine and duty. The pulpit has a nost imperative service to render the life of to-day, by bringing to bear upon it hose imperative obligations which spring from our moral accountability, by mphasizing that obedience to the behests of conscience which conditions every nan's peace of mind; by reiterating those irrepealable commands of the Old and New Testament, which were intended to hold us to righteous living, and keep is from the wretched delusion of supposing we can get our salvation by faith nd our fortunes by rascality; can be orthodox believers head-wise, and yet ractical infidels because of our ungodly lives.

(4) The pulpit's influence on modern thought and life will be promoted by studying to bring more humanity into the Gospel it preaches. After all it is the latter's practical failures that have been made the most of by its foes. The claim of much of the unbelief of our time is that our Christianity is doctrinal and cold, not philanthropic and serviceable; that in the old world it is political, the ally of the state, of the governing not of the governed. That it is most concerned about forms, and revenue, and cares little for the great masses of the poor and ignorant. After enumerating all these sources and phases of intellectual unbelief, we have not included one greater than even these—the vice and misery of the great multitude. Therefore do socialists and humanitarias, rise up in our day, undertaking todo what Christianity has seemingly failed to do. Well, the lesson taught us by the restlessness of modern life, and the vagaries that are taking with the people, is that more than ever must the pulpit preach a Christianity which goes forth to seek and save the lowly and neglected, which evidently befriends the workingman, and makes its message one of tenderness and help. It must do more than Science for the spread of such knowledge as will elevate the standard of human life in its physical and moral features; it must do more than the philanthropist who would and does feed the hungry and clothe the naked; it must no longer apologize for great social evils, but labor with the utmost self-denial for their removal, and for the uplifting of the down-trodden. If the pulpit presents such a Christianity as this, and enjoins its hearers to embody it in a life whose holy deeds and beneficent spirit shall glorify it, then will it affect most powerfully modern society. It will attract the poor and sinning to hear its message and receive its help. The pulpit's power is in the living Christ it believes

in and presents; more of him in its teachings; more of him in the life of Christian believers; more of him as the inspiration of the church's doing and giving, would secure to our faith and to us the preachers of it, a new influence over the men and women of our communities. Make your pulpits intellectually commanding, but make them as well, singular and supreme for their genial, *holy*, loving spirit, for their quick, far-reaching sympathies, for their direct and divinely prompted ministries to those lonely, or sad, or in want.

It is for the pulpit now, as in no other age, to show men a light to which they can but turn; a hand to which they can but cling; a life around which they can but gather. Then will it influence most mightily and hopefully the mind and heart of our world, and bring men as of yore to the Lamb of God, saying, as they come with all their troubles and burdens—"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

# HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

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| ORGANIZED Oct. 24, 1856. | | | PLACE OF MEETING. | MODERATOR. | RECORDING SECRETARY. | CORRESPOND'G SECRETARY. | STATISTICAL SECRETARY. | PREACHER AND TEXT. |
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| Annual Meeting 2d Wednesday in October. | 1 | 1856 | St. Anthony. | Rev. S. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Seccombe | ..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1 : 4. |
| | 2 | 1857 | Prescott, Wis | Rev. L. Armsby..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Seccombe | ..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4 : 7. |
| | 3 | 1858 | Faribault..... | Rev. D. Andrews... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11 : 15. |
| | 4 | 1859 | Winona..... | Rev. C. Seccombe... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3 : 18. |
| | 5 | 1860 | St. Paul..... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55 : 10, 11. |
| | 6 | 1861 | Anoka..... | Rev. O. A. Thomas. | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. S. Fisk, Phil. 4 : 6. |
| | 7 | 1862 | Northfield... | Rev. C. Shedd..... | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2 : 13. |
| | 8 | 1863 | Lake City... | Rev. W. R. Stevens. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17 : 20, 21. |
| | 9 | 1864 | Rochester... | Bro. C. M. Goodsell. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. C. Seccombe, Prov. 24 : 10. |
| | 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis | Bro. R. G. Lincoln.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2 : 1. |
| | 11 | 1866 | Faribault. | Bro. W. G. Copp.... | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 23 : 8. |
| | 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud.... | Rev. J. W. Strong .. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19 : 11, 27. |
| | 13 | 1868 | Austin..... | Bro. L. W. Furber.. | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A. Fuller... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. A. Fuller, Job 40 : 3 ; 42, 5, 6. |
| | 14 | 1869 | Owatonna... | Bro. J. L. Noyes.... | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A. Fuller... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4 : 22, 12. |
| | 15 | 1870 | Northfield... | Bro. R. J. Baldwin.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. A. Fuller... | Rev. C. Seccombe | Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4 : 28. |
| | 16 | 1871 | St. Anthony. | Rev. J. W. Strong .. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter. | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. C. Salter, Is. 40 : 3. |
| | 17 | 1872 | Lake City... | Rev. S. H. Barteau. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter. | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 18 | 1873 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page.... | Rev. H. Bumsted. | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. H. M. Tenney, Phil. 2 : 15, 16. |
| | 19 | 1874 | Winona.. ... | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3 : 9–17. |
| | 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis | Rev. L. H. Cobb..... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 21 | 1876 | Austin..... | Rev. E. M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney.. | Rev. G. A. Hood, Eph. 3 : 8. |
| | 22 | 1877 | Faribault. .. | Rev. David Burt.... | Bro. Wm. Cheney ... | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney.. | Rev. C. W. Merrill, { Jno. 17 : 17. Rom. 3 : 23. 2 Tim. 4 : 2. |
| | 23 | 1878 | Mankato.... | Rev. D. L. Leonard. | Bro. Wm. Cheney ... | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Bro. W. Cheney.. | Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16 : 15, 16. |

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMS., Sept. 1, 1878. | | | ADDED, 1877-78. | | | REMOVED, 1877-78. | | | BAPTISMS. | | CONGREGATIONS. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'ca'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. Sch'l | Av. Attendance. |
| Alton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | R. C. Loveridge | 1878 | ... | 1 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 45 |
| Alexandria | 1867 | 12 | 14 | Quincy L. Dowd | 1878 | ... | 12 | 19 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 52 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | Unsupplied | ... | ... | 28 | 64 | 92 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 107 | 85 |
| Baldwin | 1876 | 1 | 12 | J. E. Storm | 1877 | ... | 7 | 12 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Clear Water | 1859 | 4 | 20 | P. S. Smith | 1878 | ... | 12 | 41 | 53 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 167 | .... |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | E. J. Hart | 1867 | 1871 | 17 | 37 | 54 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 100 | 75 |
| Dassell | 1878 | 2 | 25 | J. S. Hull | 1878 | ... | 1 | 13 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 91 | 80 |
| Elk River | 1875 | 2 | 1 | W. M. Jenkins | 1878 | ... | 13 | 25 | 38 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 155 | .... |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | ... | 39 | 61 | 100 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 70 |
| Gilmanton | 1875 | 5 | 28 | John K. Stewart | 1878 | ... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 35 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 10 | 24 | Joseph Chandler | 1876 | ... | 8 | 32 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 55 |
| Glenwood | 1868 | 5 | .. | A. C. Lathrop | 1868 | ... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | Wm. Wilson | 1877 | ... | 11 | 17 | 28 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 100 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | Unsupplied | ... | ... | 4 | 11 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 30 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 8 | 14 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 35 |
| Marine Mills—1st | 1858 | 2 | 8 | F. N. Walcott | 1877 | ... | 8 | 20 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 55 | 40 |
| " 2d | 1878 | 2 | 6 | F. N. Walcott | 1877 | ... | 6 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 35 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | E. M. Williams | .... | 1876 | 44 | 74 | 118 | 40 | 3 | 43 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 15 | 0 | 256 | 152 |
| " Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 199 | 284 | 483 | 41 | 13 | 54 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 356 | 255 |
| " Second | 1867 | 10 | 9 | Edwin Sydney Williams | 1875 | ... | 92 | 83 | 175 | ... | 6 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 265 | 155 |
| " Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Geo. A. Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 59 | 61 | 91 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 38 | 15 | 565 | 355 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 1 | 13 | W. A. Cutler | 1878 | ... | 12 | 25 | 37 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 280 | 170 |
| Osakis | 1878 | 6 | 13 | Unsupplied | ... | ... | 6 | 13 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 70 | 40 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | ... | 6 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 100 | 75 |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | Wm. Wilson | 1877 | ... | 12 | 19 | 31 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | J. E. Storm | 1877 | ... | 19 | 17 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 50 |
| Round Grove | 1875 | 11 | 12 | Joseph Chandler | 1877 | ... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 50 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 20 | Unsupplied | 1878 | ... | 12 | 28 | 40 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 18 |
| Sauk Rapids | 1856 | 2 | 28 | Sherman Hall | 1854 | ... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 55 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | ... | ... | 15 | 25 | 40 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 15 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M. M. G. Dana | .... | 1878 | 119 | 192 | 311 | 30 | 19 | 49 | 37 | 56 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 44 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | .... | 1875 | 17 | 23 | 40 | 2 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 21 | 12 | 0 | 325 | .... |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | T. R. Wilkinson | 1876 | .... | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 110 | .... |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 55 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | 739 | 1290 | 2025 | 217 | 125 | 153 | 278 | 16 | 99 | 0 | 115 | 64 | 61 | 3874 | 1891 |

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# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. C. | Cong'l Public'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | 0 | $ 39 26 | $ 3 50 | $ 14 50 | $ 3 30 | 0 | $ 160 00 | $ 6 70 | $ 227 26 |
| Alexandria | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 0 | 4 50 | 0 | 450 00 | 0 | 474 50 |
| Anoka | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 900 00 | 0 | 900 00 |
| Baldwin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 00 | 0 | 150 00 |
| Belle Prairie | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 205 00 |
| Clearwater | 0 | 27 00 | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 500 00 | 0 | 542 00 |
| Cottage Grove | 0 | 18 25 | 5 20 | 7 50 | 3 95 | 0 | 425 00 | 0 | 459 90 |
| Dassell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 00 | 0 | 101 00 |
| Elk River | 0 | 10 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 35 |
| Excelsior | | | | | | | | | |
| Gilmanton | | | | | | | | | |
| Glencoe | 0 | 51 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 275 00 | 5 25 | 331 56 |
| Glenwood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 |
| Hutchinson | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 1 00 | 316 00 |
| Lakeland | 0 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 260 00 | 11 00 | 282 00 |
| Little Falls | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 00 | 0 | 260 00 |
| Marine Mills—First | 0 | 24 17 | 4 42 | 12 88 | 100 00 | 0 | 561 00 | 50 00 | 752 47 |
| " " —Second | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1219 36 | 0 | 1219 36 |
| Minneapolis—First | 0 | 350 00 | 75 00 | 221 40 | 100 00 | 0 | 2700 00 | 490 00 | 3936 40 |
| " —Plymouth | 47 51 | 603 05 | 242 65 | 680 25 | 118 83 | 23 77 | 7800 00 | 856 36 | 10372 42 |
| " —Second | | | | | | | | | |
| " —Pilgrim | 0 | 4 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1100 00 | 0 | 1104 60 |
| Monticello | | | 10 00 | | | | 950 00 | 0 | 960 00 |
| Osakis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Paynesville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 00 | 0 | 25 00 |
| Preston Lake | 0 | 6 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 00 | 0 | 86 00 |
| Princeton | 0 | 8 13 | 18 05 | 5 00 | 10 00 | 0 | 625 00 | 0 | 666 18 |
| Round Grove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sauk Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 100 00 |
| Sauk Rapids | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 100 00 |
| St. Cloud | 0 | 8 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 50 |
| St. Paul | 0 | 50 68 | 0 | 94 15 | 0 | 0 | 3529 07 | 75 83 | 3749 73 |
| Two Rivers | 0 | 10 55 | 1 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 311 55 |
| Union Grove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 00 | 0 | 30 00 |
| Total | $ 47 51 | $ 1267 85 | $ 364 82 | $ 1050 68 | $ 340 58 | $ 23 77 | $ 23090 43 | $ 1502 14 | $ 27687 78 |

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| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Sept., 1878. | | | | ADDED., 1877-78. | | | REMOVED. 1877-78. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'cat'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. Sch'l. | Av. Attendance. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 9 | 29 | M. M. Tracy | 1878 | ... | 11 | 13 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | ... | ... |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 12 | A. Simpson | 1878 | .... | 19 | 24 | 43 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 80 | 60 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 8 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| Crookston | 1878 | 4 | 24 | F. H. Smith | 1878 | .... | 13 | 13 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 12 | M. M. Tracy | 1878 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 60 | 30 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | E. C. Ingalls | 1878 | .... | 40 | 44 | 84 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 90 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | J. E. Higgins | 1877 | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | G. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 18 | 20 | 38 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 75 | 65 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1876 | .... | 13 | 18 | 31 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1878 | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 35 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | G. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 12 | L. Kribs | 1873 | .... | 12 | 10 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 25 |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .... | 8 | 14 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 35 |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 18 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1878 | .... | 10 | 18 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 40 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 10 | 29 | Chas. Skuse | 1877 | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17 |
| | | | | | | | 183 | 224 | 407 | 93 | 34 | 35 | 69 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 12 | 754 | 567 |

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| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. T. | Cong'l Public'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | 0 | ..... |
| Brainerd | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 00 | 0 | 600 00 |
| Breckenridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 00 | 0 | 75 00 |
| Crookston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 00 | 0 | 600 00 |
| Detroit | 0 | 0 | 2 75 | 4 05 | 0 | 0 | 125 00 | 0 | 131 80 |
| Duluth | 0 | 25 50 | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 0 | 550 00 | 0 | 585 50 |
| Fergus Falls | 0 | 14 85 | 0 | 2 85 | 2 53 | 0 | 784 42 | 20 00 | 824 65 |
| Glyndon | 0 | 45 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 00 | 0 | 645 00 |
| Hawley | 0 | 7 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 00 | 0 | 97 00 |
| Lake Park | 0 | 7 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 60 |
| Maine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 20 00 |
| Muskoda | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Park | 0 | 2 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 52 50 |
| Scambler | 0 | 25 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 00 | 0 | 525 00 |
| St. Olaf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 325 00 | 0 | 325 00 |
| Wadena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | $ 127 45 | $ 2 75 | $ 16 90 | $ 2 53 | 0 | $ 4319 42 | $ 20 00 | $ 4489 05 |

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1878. | | | ADDED, 1877-78. | | | REMOVED, 1877-78. | | | BAPTISMS. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'cat'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. Sch'l. | Av. Attendance. |
| Albert Lea | 1872 | 10 | 23 | John R. Chalmers | 1878 | .... | 13 | 29 | 42 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 15 |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | .... | 1875 | 70 | 102 | 172 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 120 | 140 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | .. | .. | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 3 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 22 |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | 1876 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | .... |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | J. S. Rounce | 1878 | .... | 7 | 13 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 30 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | T. G. Jones | 1876 | .... | 19 | 23 | 42 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 80 | 30 |
| " " Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 3 | T. G. Jones | 1877 | .... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 12 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | J. F. Guiton | 1878 | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 1 |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 35 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | .. | A. J. Drake | 1877 | .... | 19 | 24 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 5 | R. B. Wright | 1878 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 30 |
| Dodge Center | 1875 | 6 | 6 | A. J. Drake | 1877 | .... | 12 | 28 | 40 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Wm. Denley | 1878 | .... | 30 | 32 | 61 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 30 |
| Faribault | 1856 | 5 | 31 | T. C. Northcott | .... | 1877 | 85 | 139 | 224 | 37 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 200 | 175 |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 13 | 17 | 30 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 50 | .... |
| Guildford | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Meadow | 1878 | 4 | 11 | R. B. Wright | 1878 | .... | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hartland | 1874 | 8 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | .... | 7 | 19 | 26 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| Lansing | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| La Verne and Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 12 | John Palmer | 1878 | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | 1873 | 51 | 65 | 116 | 33 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 100 | 75 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | .... | 19 | 41 | 60 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 220 | 130 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | A. Graves | 1878 | .... | 16 | 38 | 54 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 85 | 58 |
| Morristown | 1878 | 6 | .. | W. L. Sutherland | 1878 | .... | 6 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | .. | .. | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | 17 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. L. Leonard | 1875 | .... | 123 | 156 | 279 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 375 | 300 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | D. A. Morehouse | 1876 | .... | 56 | 87 | 143 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 140 | 102 |
| Prairieville East | 1860 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 40 |
| Providence | 1869 | 9 | 10 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 11 | 17 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | A. Morse | 1869 | .... | 3 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 35 |
| South Bend | 1859 | .. | .. | T. G. Jones | 1876 | .... | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 15 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | N. A. Hunt | 1877 | .... | 15 | 20 | 35 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 40 |
| Waseca | 1868 | .. | .. | L. Loring | 1875 | .... | 53 | 55 | 108 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 150 | 102 |
| Westford | 1871 | 3 | 27 | D. B. Eells | 1878 | .... | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 25 |
| Winnebago Agency | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | .... | 7 | 14 | 21 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 25 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | H. B. Tuttle | 1874 | .... | 26 | 44 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 65 |
| | | | | | | | 750 | 1090 | 1840 | 191 | 85 | 96 | 181 | 12 | 95 | 9 | 116 | 34 | 28 | 2844 | 1916 |

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Public'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | 0 | 6 03 | 0 | 2 00 | 1 78 | 0 | 627 73 | 50 | 638 04 |
| Austin | 3 22 | 91 91 | 46 60 | 109 81 | 20 25 | 1 60 | 2810 81 | 67 88 | 3117 08 |
| Belgrade | 0 | 7 90 | 0 | 3 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 90 |
| Berlin | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 2 75 | 0 | 0 | 75 00 | 0 | 82 75 |
| Brownsdale | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 320 00 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | 0 | 4 50 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 164 50 | 10 00 | 179 00 |
| " " Goshen | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 50 | 0 | 55 00 |
| Cannon City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 100 00 |
| Chain Lake—Center | 0 | 0 | 3 00 | 0 | 0 | 5 00 | 50 00 | 0 | 58 00 |
| Claremont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 200 00 |
| Dexter | 0 | 3 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 00 | 0 | 1003 12 |
| Dodge Center | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 650 00 | 0 | 650 00 |
| Fairmont | 0 | 15 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 375 00 | 0 | 390 00 |
| Faribault | 8 18 | 244 76 | 70 53 | 84 00 | 0 | 0 | 2300 00 | 449 86 | 3157 33 |
| Freeborn | 0 | 8 00 | 3 15 | 4 00 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 215 15 |
| Guildford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Meadow | 0 | 2 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 00 | 0 | 152 50 |
| Hartland | 0 | 7 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 207 00 |
| Lansing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| La Verne and Clinton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mankato | 0 | 40 78 | 2 25 | 6 07 | 3 90 | 0 | 1250 00 | 75 00 | 1378 00 |
| Mantorville | 0 | 34 00 | 0 | 13 40 | 0 | 0 | 584 95 | 0 | 632 35 |
| Medford | 0 | 16 10 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 0 | 795 02 | 0 | 829 12 |
| Morristown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 00 | 0 | 250 00 |
| Mountain Lake | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 50 00 |
| Northfield | 7 55 | 277 52 | 166 68 | 195 37 | 23 81 | 29 21 | 1975 00 | 461 00 | 3136 14 |
| Owatonna | 0 | 30 00 | 12 00 | 50 00 | 0 | 0 | 2400 00 | 16 00 | 2508 00 |
| Prairieville East | 0 | 23 00 | 20 00 | 0 | 6 63 | 0 | 80 00 | 0 | 129 63 |
| Providence | 0 | 10 06 | 4 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 00 | 0 | 94 41 |
| Rose Creek | 0 | 4 00 | 1 25 | 3 00 | 0 | 0 | 120 00 | 0 | 128 25 |
| South Bend | 0 | 1 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 00 | 0 | 51 00 |
| Sterling | 0 | 10 00 | 0 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 00 |
| Waseca | 0 | 57 08 | 6 70 | 8 04 | 5 36 | 0 | 950 00 | 2 12 | 1029 30 |
| Westford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 50 | 0 | 16 50 |
| Winnebago Agency | 0 | 29 87 | 11 20 | 4 50 | 6 80 | 0 | 125 25 | 0 | 177 62 |
| Worthington | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 0 | 11 36 | 0 | 913 00 | 0 | 944 36 |
| Total | $ 18 95 | $ 960 63 | $ 355 71 | $ 405 94 | $ 89 89 | $ 35 81 | $ 18897 26 | $ 1082 42 | $ 21945 61 |

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE I—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1878. | | | | ADDED, 1877-78. | | | REMOVED, 1877-78. | | | BAPTISMS. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'un'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. Sch'l | Av. Attendance. |
| Amiret | 1878 | 7 | 17 | P. Peregrine | 1876 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 30 |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 25 |
| Burns | 1876 | 7 | 26 | H. B. Johnson | 1878 | .... | 5 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 20 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | C. A. Ruddock | 1877 | .... | 13 | 16 | 29 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | Jesse L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 11 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 26 |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | O. A. Starr | 1877 | .... | 6 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Lac qui Parle | .... | .. | .. | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 13 | H. B. Johnson | 1878 | .... | 24 | 25 | 49 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 80 | 62 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 10 | 6 | H. C. Simmons | 1874 | 1875 | 28 | 52 | 80 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 100 | 60 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Wm. Carl | 1878 | .... | 5 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 11 | O. A. Starr | 1871 | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 12 | 17 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 40 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | O. P. Champlin | 1874 | 1876 | 13 | 17 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 50 | .... |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 11 | 4 | L. H. Moses | 1878 | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 25 | .... |
| Tracy—Bethel | 1875 | 1 | 21 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 20 | 30 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 55 | 40 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | L. H. Moses | 1875 | .... | 15 | 24 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 80 | 80 |
| | | | | | | | 183 | 256 | 439 | 18 | 22 | 57 | 79 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 36 | 10 | 12 | 760 | 508 |

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## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Public'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amiret | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benson | 0 | 17 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 217 00 |
| Burns | 0 | 5 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 334 29 | 0 | 339 44 |
| Granite Falls | 0 | 20 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 320 30 | 0 | 340 30 |
| Hancock | 0 | 2 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210 00 | 2 00 | 214 57 |
| Havelock | 0 | 1 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 00 | 0 | 101 60 |
| Lac qui Parle | | | | | | | | | |
| Lamberton | 0 | 5 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 50 |
| Marshall | 0 | 18 50 | 6 10 | 16 04 | 0 | 0 | 425 00 | 50 00 | 515 64 |
| Marshfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 00 | 0 | 300 00 |
| Montevideo | 0 | 2 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 202 33 |
| Morris | 0 | 6 44 | 2 22 | 4 44 | 4 44 | 0 | 325 00 | 5 00 | 347 54 |
| Sleepy Eye | 0 | 15 00 | 4 00 | 5 75 | 0 | 0 | 250 00 | 0 | 274 75 |
| Tracy—Union | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " Bethel | 0 | 15 70 | 0 | 0 | 7 15 | 0 | 100 00 | 14 10 | 136 95 |
| Underwood | 0 | 4 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 00 | 0 | 44 73 |
| Walnut Station | 0 | 5 00 | 0 | 0 | 3 64 | 0 | 325 00 | 0 | 333 64 |
| Total | 0 | $ 119 52 | $ 12 32 | $ 26 23 | $ 15 23 | 0 | $ 3129 59 | $ 71 10 | $ 3373 99 |

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| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1878. | | | | ADDED, 1877-78. | | | REMOED, 1877-78. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'mun'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sab. Sch'l | Av. Attendance. |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 31 | C. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 30 | 48 | 78 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 94 | 70 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 8 | 28 | C. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 16 | 19 | 35 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 0 |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 10 | 11 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| Granville | .... | .. | .. | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 21 | F. L. Fuller | 1875 | 1876 | 37 | 38 | 75 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | P. B. Fisk | .... | 1878 | 42 | 84 | 126 | 26 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 130 | 101 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | C. W. Wiley | 1877 | .... | 5 | 12 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 170 | 75 |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 7 | 19 | W. M. Weld | 1877 | .... | 13 | 38 | 51 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 100 | 75 |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | Henry Willard | 1863 | .... | 62 | 95 | 157 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 217 | 118 |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | .. | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 8 | Geo. P. Blanchard | 1877 | 1877 | 48 | 99 | 147 | 30 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 150 | 150 |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | W. W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 17 | 31 | 48 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 80 | 44 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 25 | J. M. Van Wagner | 1877 | .... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 30 |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 6 | J. M. Van Wagner | 1877 | .... | 27 | 64 | 91 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 190 | 110 |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | C. W. Merrill | 1875 | .... | 51 | 72 | 123 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 140 | 85 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. W. Ray | 1877 | .... | 33 | 69 | 102 | 34 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | .... |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | J. H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | 72 | 160 | 232 | 30 | 20 | 6 | 26 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 550 | 300 |
| Yucatan | 1878 | 5 | 19 | W. W. Snell | 1878 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | A. A. Joss | 1877 | .... | 52 | 92 | 144 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 160 |
| | | | | | | | 544 | 968 | 1512 | 208 | 89 | 69 | 158 | 19 | 43 | 0 | 62 | 47 | 17 | 2418 | 1508 |

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## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Public'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 807 00 | 0 | $ 807 00 |
| Douglass | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Elgin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Granville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 47 00 | 10 00 | 21 00 | 7 00 | 0 | 800 00 | 75 00 | 960 00 |
| Lake City | 0 | 157 65 | 58 00 | 17 00 | 13 00 | 0 | 1500 00 | 83 36 | 1829 01 |
| Lenora | 0 | 112 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 00 | 0 | 237 00 |
| Mazeppa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 650 00 | 0 | 650 00 |
| Plainview | 0 | 60 00 | 50 00 | 53 00 | 15 00 | 0 | 1065 00 | 91 00 | 1334 00 |
| Quincy | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 0 | 40 00 | 0 | 80 00 | 0 | 0 | 2755 00 | 100 00 | 2975 00 |
| Rushford | 0 | 18 50 | 3 00 | 6 75 | 0 | 0 | 565 00 | 0 | 593 25 |
| Saratoga | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 00 | 0 | 200 00 |
| St. Charles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1250 00 | 0 | 1279 00 |
| Spring Valley | 32 38 | 67 05 | 48 92 | 95 04 | 27 40 | 22 73 | 950 00 | 200 00 | 1443 52 |
| Wabasha | | | | | | | | | |
| Winona | 12 62 | 409 55 | 138 85 | 380 86 | 31 55 | 3 75 | 3408 89 | 175 00 | 4561 07 |
| Yucatan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zumbrota | 0 | 114 00 | 8 40 | 67 00 | 19 45 | 0 | 1300 00 | 88 87 | 1597 72 |
| Total | $ 45 00 | $ 1025 75 | $ 317 17 | $ 720 65 | $ 113 40 | $ 26 48 | $ 15375 89 | $ 813 23 | $ 18437 57 |

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | MINISTERS. | | | | | | MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1878. | | | | ADDED, 1877-78. | | | REMOVED, 1877-78. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SABBATH SCHOOL. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Churches. | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates. | Without Charge. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Whole Number. | Av. Attendance. |
| Anoka | 34 | 7 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 39 | 739 | 1286 | 2025 | 217 | 125 | 153 | 278 | 16 | 99 | 0 | 115 | 64 | 61 | 3654 | 1891 |
| Northern Pacific | 16 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 183 | 224 | 407 | 93 | 34 | 35 | 69 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 12 | 754 | 567 |
| Owatonna | 37 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 7 | 33 | 750 | 1090 | 1840 | 191 | 85 | 96 | 181 | 13 | 95 | 9 | 117 | 34 | 28 | 2844 | 1916 |
| Western | 17 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 183 | 256 | 439 | 18 | 22 | 57 | 79 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 36 | 10 | 12 | 760 | 508 |
| Winona | 19 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 544 | 968 | 1512 | 208 | 89 | 69 | 158 | 19 | 43 | 0 | 62 | 47 | 17 | 2418 | 1508 |
| Total | 123 | 16 | 61 | 7 | 25 | 109 | 2399 | 3824 | 6223 | 727 | 355 | 410 | 765 | 50 | 278 | 21 | 349 | 168 | 130 | 10430 | 6390 |

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| CONFERENCES. | College and Ed. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. C. U. | Cong'l Publ'n Society. | Church Exp's. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | 47 51 | 1267 85 | 364 82 | 1050 68 | 340 58 | 23 77 | 23000 43 | 1502 14 | $ 27687 78 |
| Northern Pacific | 0 | 127 45 | 2 75 | 16 90 | 2 53 | 0 | 4319 42 | 20 00 | 4489 05 |
| Owatonna | 18 95 | 969 63 | 355 71 | 495 94 | 89 89 | 35 81 | 18807 26 | 1082 42 | 21945 61 |
| Western | 0 | 119 52 | 12 32 | 26 23 | 15 23 | 0 | 3129 50 | 71 10 | 3373 99 |
| Winona | 45 00 | 1025 75 | 317 17 | 720 65 | 113 40 | 26 48 | 15375 89 | 813 23 | 18437 57 |
| Total | $111 46 | $ 3510 20 | $ 1052 77 | $ 2310 40 | $ 561 63 | $ 86 06 | $ 64812 50 | $ 3488 89 | $ 75934 00 |

WILLIAM CHENEY, Statistical Secretary, Minneapolis.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong, R. S. | 1856, | 10, | 6 | Acting Pastor | Winnebago Agency | Owatonna. |
| Barnes, J R | 1838, | | | Without Charge | Owatonna | Winona. |
| Barteau, S H | 1851, | 2, | 19 | Without Charge | Hastings | Winona. |
| Beard, Henry B | | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Blanchard G P | 1860, | 5, | 15 | Pastor | Rochester | Winona. |
| Burt, David | 1851, | 11, | 4 | State Supt. Pub. Inst | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Campbell, Gabriel | 1868, | 10, | 27 | Prof. State University | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Carl, William | Licentiate | | | Acting Pastor | Marshfield | |
| Chalmers, J. R. | 1874, | 7, | 7 | Acting Pastor | Albert Lea | Owatonna. |
| Champlin, O. P | 1870, | 7, | 10 | Pastor | Sleepy Eye | Western. |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846, | 4, | 22 | Acting Pastor | Glencoe | Northern. |
| Chaney, Lucien W | 1852, | 12, | 29 | Pastor | Mankato | Owatonna. |
| Chapin, N. C. | 1851, | 11, | 2 | Without Charge | Rochester | Owatonna. |
| Cheeseman, C. P | Licentiate | | | Acting Pastor | St. Olaf | |
| Clark, Nelson | 1844, | 7, | 16 | Without Charge | Stillwater | Northern. |
| Cobb, L. H | 1857, | 10, | 28 | Supt. A. H. M. Society | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Conant, Chas. A | 1864, | 6, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Cannon Falls | Hamp. East. Mass. |
| Cross, Roland S | 1876, | | | Pastor Elect | Anoka | Caledonia, Vt. |
| Cutler, W. A | 1868, | 6, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Monticello | |
| Dana, M. McG | 1863, | | | Pastor | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Denley, William | 1878, | 7, | 3 | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | |
| Douglas, E | 1855, | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Dowd, Q. L. | 1875. | | | Acting Pastor | Alexandraia | St. Croix Valley. |
| Drake, A. J | 1845, | | | Acting Pastor | Dodge Centre | Winona. |
| Eells, D. B. | 1861, | | | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, | 2, | 27 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Fisk, P. B. | 1863, | 10, | 1 | Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876, | 6, | 13 | Pastor | Freeborn | Owatonna. |
| Fonda, Jesse L. | 1873, | 9, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Morris | Marshall. |

## MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1878.—Continued.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fuller, Francis L. | 1843. | 9, | 8 | Pastor | Hamilton | Winona. |
| Gill, William | 1863. | 5, | 26 | Acting Pastor | Mantorville | Owatonna. |
| Graves, Alpheus | 1841. | 11. | 11 | Acting Pastor | Medford | Garnavillo, Iowa. |
| Guyton, J. F. | 1869. | | | Acting Pastor | Cannon City | Central Kansas. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, | 8, | 8 | Without Charge | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Hall, Sherman | 1831. | 5, | | Acting Pastor | Sauk Rapids | Northern. |
| Hart, Edwin J. | 1856. | 1, | 2 | Pastor | Cottage Grove | Northern. |
| Higgins, J. E. | 1875. | 10, | 20 | Acting Pastor | Fergus Falls | Eastern Michigan. |
| Hood, Geo. A. | 1869, | 9, | 30 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Hull, Jacob S. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Dassel | |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846. | | | Acting Pastor | Sterling | Owatonna. |
| Ingalls, Edward C. | 1877, | 7, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Duluth | Western. |
| Jenkins, W. M. | 1865, | 9, | 17 | Acting Pastor | Elk River | Northern. |
| Johnson, George | 1872, | 11, | 13 | Acting Pastor | Scambler | Northern Pacific. |
| Johnson, H. B. | 1858, | 3, | 3 | Acting Pastor | Lamberton | Winona. |
| Jones, T. G. | 1867. | 2, | 22 | Acting Pastor | Butternut Valley | Welsh Cong. Iowa. |
| Joss, A. A. | | | | Acting Pastor | Zumbrota | Synod Mo. |
| Kellogg, S. H. | 1857, | 11, | 10 | Without Charge | Preston Lake | Elgin, Ill. |
| Kinne, T. C. | 1875, | 7, | 28 | Pastor | Royalton | Northern. |
| Kribs, Ludwic | 1841, | 1, | 5 | Acting Pastor | Hawley | Northern Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1842, | 2, | 24 | Without Charge | Glenwood | Northern. |
| Leonard, Delevan L. | 1863, | 6. | 8 | Acting Pastor | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Loring, Levi | 1862, | 7, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Loveridge, R. C. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Afton | |
| Lyman, Ephraim | | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Merrill, E. W. | 1864. | 4. | 5 | Without Charge | Spring Valley | Winona. |
| Merrill, C. W. | 1873, | 10, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Spring Valley | Winona. |
| Morehouse, D. A. | 1865, | 6, | 18 | Acting Pastor | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Morley, J. H. | 1867, | 1, | 2 | Pastor | Winona | Winona. |

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Morse, Alfred | 1847, | 6, | 7 | Acting Pastor | Austin. | Owatonna. |
| Moses, L. H. | 1876. | 11, | 24 | Acting Pastor | Walnut Station | Marshall. |
| Northcott, T. C. | | | | Acting Pastor | Faribault | |
| Palmer, J. A. | 1859, | | | Acting Pastor | Valley Springs, D. T. | |
| Pelton, Geo. S. | 1877, | 5, | 15 | Acting Pastor | Glyndon | Northern. |
| Peregrine, P. | 1861, | 3. | 10 | Acting Pastor | Tracy | Marshall. |
| Pierce, N. H. | 1861, | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Pike, A. J. | 1869, | 3, | 9 | Without Charge | Sauk Center | Northern. |
| Ray, J. W. | 1858, | 1, | 28 | Acting Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Roe, A. D. | 1867, | 2, | 5 | Without Charge | Afton. | St. Croix Valley Con. |
| Rosenkrans, D. W. | 1875, | 6, | 28 | Pastor | Little Falls | Northern. |
| Rounce, J. S. | | | | Acting Pastor | Brownsdale | |
| Ruddock, C. A. | 1861, | 5, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Granite Falls | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Simmons, H. C. | 1872, | 5, | 8 | Pastor | Marshall | Marshall. |
| Skuse, Chas. | | | | Acting Pastor | Wadena | Cong. Union of Ireland. |
| Simpson, Adam | 1876, | 10, | 1 | Acting Pastor | Brainerd | |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842, | 3, | 24 | Without Charge | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, C. B. | 1851, | 10, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Excelsior | Northern. |
| Smith, F. H. | | | | Acting Pastor | Crookston | |
| Smith, P. S. | 1864, | 4, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Clearwater | |
| Snell, W. W. | 1859, | 10, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr, O. A. | 1871, | 4. | 6 | Without Charge | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Stearns, J. G. D. | 1813, | 5. | 10 | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Northern. |
| Stimson, H. A. | 1870, | 5, | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Stone, Cyrus | Licentiate. | | | Without Charge | Dexter | |
| Storm, J. E. | 1875, | | | Acting Pastor | Princeton | Fox River Union. |
| Strong, J. W., D. D. | 1862. | 9, | 28 | Pres. Carleton College | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Strong, J. C. | 1846. | 11, | 16 | Without Charge | Chain Lake Center | Owatonna. |
| Sutherland, Wm. L. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Morristown | |

## MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1878.—Continued.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Terry, C. M | 1871. | 11. | 2 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Tracy, M. M | | | | Acting Pastor | Detroit | |
| Tuttle, H. B | 1874. | 1. | 20 | Acting Pastor | Worthington | Owatonna. |
| Van Wagner J. M | | | | Acting Pastor | St. Charles | Winona. |
| Walcott F. N | 1877. | 12. | 6 | Acting Pastor | Marine Mills | St. Croix Valley Con. |
| Weld, Wm. M | 1852. | 5. | 14 | Acting Pastor | Mazeppa | Winona. |
| Wiley, Chas. W | 1875. | | | Acting Pastor | Lenora | |
| Wilkinson, T. R | 1876. | 11. | 10 | Acting Pastor | Atwater | Northern. |
| Williams. E. M | 1869. | 2. | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis, E. D. | Northern. |
| Williams. E. S | 1864. | 6. | 10 | Pastor Elect | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Willard, Henry | 1858. | 10. | 20 | Acting Pastor | Plainview | Winona. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859. | 5. | 18 | Without Charge | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Wilson, Wm | 1870. | 3. | 1 | Acting Pastor | Hutchinson | McLin. Presby. C. P. |
| Wright, C. E | 1875. | 6. | 2 | Pastor | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Wright. R. B | 1877. | 12. | 26 | Acting Pastor | Dexter | New Haven, East. Ct. |

## CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-laws; each church being represented by its Pastor or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress, and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and an Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon, from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

Art. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse; and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

Art. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Art. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

Art. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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## BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary, or pastor of the church with which the Conference meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which, a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name and church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Conference, who shall nominate committees on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Conference, shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing, and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each Local Conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. Those officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committees shall be chosen annually by the Society, upon the nomination of the Local Conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the Local Conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make a written report to the Society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman, and another as Secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require, together with the Chairman of the Conference Committees; shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents to the parent Society, which is to appoint

and pay them; shall consider the appointment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Executive Committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the Society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *Provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is one God, the sole Creator, Preserver, and moral Governor of the universe; a spiritual being of infinite wisdom, power, justice, goodness and truth; self-existent, independent and unchangeable.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that they contain a complete and harmonious system of divine truth, and are our only perfect rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

ART. 3. We believe that, according to the Scriptures, the mode of the divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a three-fold distinction of persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one God, the same in essence, and in all divine attributes equal.

ART. 4. We believe that one supreme God has made all things for himself; that known unto him were all his works from the beginning, and that he has created and governs all things according to the holy and unchanging counsel of his own will; yet in such a manner as that man is a free agent, and accountable for all his actions.

Art. 5. We believe that the divine law, and the principles of the divine government, are perfectly holy, just, and good.

Art. 6. We believe that the first parents of the human race were created holy, and fell from their original state by voluntarily transgressing the divine command, in the article of forbidden fruit.

Art. 7. We believe that, in consequence of their apostasy, all their posterity are born with hearts depraved and at enmity with God; so that, if left to themselves, they will invariably commit sin, and expose themselves to his wrath forever.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ the Son of God, is the only Redeemer of sinners: that he took our nature upon him, and by his sufferings and death, made a sufficient atonement for the sins of all men; so that God can now be just and yet the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.

Art. 9. We believe that, although the invitations of the Gospel are such that whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely, yet the depravity of the human heart is such that no man will come to Christ, except the Father, by the special and efficacious influences of his Spirit, draw him.

Art. 10. We believe that those who embrace the Gospel were chosen in Christ, before the world began; and that they are saved, not by works of righteousness which they have done, but according to the mercy of God, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Art. 11. We believe that for those who exercise true faith in Christ, there is no condemnation, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

Art. 12. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead: that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive sentence of just and final retribution, according to their respective works; and that from the judgment seat, the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Art. 13. We believe that the Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that believers of regular church standing only can consistently partake of the holy supper; and that visible believers, with their households only, can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of Baptism.

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Term Examinations, March 24th, 28th, 1879.
Spring Term begins Wednesday, April 9th, and ends June 26th, 1879.
Term Examinations, June 19th, 25th, 1879.
Examinations to enter College Department, June 20th and 21st, and Sept. 9th, 1879.
Anniversary Exercises, June 22d, 26th, 1879.
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The *Classical Course* embraces the usual four years of classical study, and requires three years of *preparatory* work. The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon those who complete it.

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While students are advised to enter upon some regular course, they are not required to do this, but may select from the different courses, such branches as are regularly taught; due regard being paid to their present attainments, and the length of time to be spent in school.

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All candidates for admission to the *Classical Course* of the College Department must pass a written examination in the following named branches:

*English*—Grammar, Physical Geography, United States History.

*Mathematics*—Arithmetic, Olney's Algebra to Part III, Geometry, six books.

*Latin*—Harkness's Latin Grammar, Harkness's Latin Composition to Part III; Cæsar, two books; Cicero, five orations; Virgil, five books of the Æneid.

*Greek*—Crosby's Greek Grammar, Arnold's Greek Prose Composition, twenty sections; Xenophon's Anabasis, three books; Homer's Iliad, two books.

For admission to the Literary and Scientific Courses, somewhat similar examinations—modified by the omission of Greek and the introduction of some special studies—are required. For specific statement of these, and also for full course of study, reference is made to the Annual Catalogue.

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1. Furnish a copy apiece to the Church Clerk, Treasurer and other officers, and to every family whom you can get to use and preserve it for reference.

2. Study and call the attention of the people to the tables and reports; it will help the church work. The various minutes show what is being done in the State by our denomination. We need your help in that.

3. Enlarge the map and use in the Home Missionary prayer meetings, thus cultivating mutual interest, knowledge and Christian fellowship. Locate on the map, pray for and greet by letter the new churches as they are formed.

4. Be careful in keeping church statistics, and make reports tally from year to year.

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6. Exchange for other denominational minutes and compare.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE, OF MINNESOTA.

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The Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference of the Congregational Churches of Minnesota met at Minneapolis, with the First Church, on Wednesday evening, October 8th, 1879.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. C. W. Merrill. Rev. G. D. Pike, Secretary of A. M. A. Society, addressed the Conference on the missionary needs and prospects of Africa.

Conference was called to order by Rev. E. M. Williams, pastor of the church. Rev. Q. L. Dowd was chosen Temporary Scribe.

To the Business Committee was assigned the nomination of permanent officers.

Adjourned to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY MORNING, October 9.

After a half-hour prayer meeting, led by Rev. P. B. Fisk, Conference was called to order by Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D., Chairman of the Business Committee, and the roll was formed. The Committee reported the following officers, who were elected:

*Moderator*—HON. A. H. YOUNG.
*Asst. Moderator*—REV. G. S. PELTON.
*Scribe*—REV. Q. L. DOWD.
*Asst. Scribe*—REV. J. L. FONDA.
*Auditor*—C. W. HACKETT.
*Treasurer*—C. A. J. MARSH.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D. The Constitution and By-Laws of Conference were then read.

The completed roll of the members of the Conference is as follows:

| Places. | Ministers. | Delegates. |
|---|---|---|
| Afton, | George Hood, | Charles Fay. |
| Albert Lea, | J. R. Chalmers. | |
| Alexandria, | Q. L. Dowd. | |
| Anoka, | Rowland S. Cross. | |
| Austin, | C. E. Wright. | |
| Belle Prairie, | D. W. Rosenkrans, | John Denny. |
| Brainerd, | R. A. Beard, | H. A. Campbell. |
| Brownsdale. | J. S. Rounce. | |
| Brownton. | Joseph Chandler. | |
| Cannon Falls, | C. A. Conant. | |
| Claremont, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Clearwater, | P. S. Smith, | S. Whiting. |
| Cokato, | J. S. Hull. | |
| Cottage Grove, | L. Loring, | John G. McChesney. |
| Dassel, | J. S. Hull. | |
| Detroit, | | S. B. Childs. |
| Dexter, | R. B. Wright. | |
| Dodge Center, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Duluth, | M. M. Tracy, | Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge. |
| Elk River, | W. M. Jenkins, | E. P. Mills. |
| Excelsior, | C. B. Sheldon, | John Murray. |
| Fairmont, | W. A. Cutler. | |
| Faribault, | | Prof. J. L. Noyes. |
| Fergus Falls, | J. E. Higgins. | |
| Freeborn, | Wilbur Fisk. | |
| Freedom, | R. S. Armstrong, | S. O. Garlick. |
| Glencoe, | Joseph Chandler. | |
| Gordon, | F. N. Walcott. | |
| Granite Falls, | C. H. Davis. | |
| Glyndon, | G. S. Pelton, | Mrs. A. D. Tracey. |
| Hancock, | George B. Nutting. | |
| Hartland, | Wilbur Fisk. | |
| Hutchinson, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Lake City, | P. B. Fisk, | Dea. M. C. Humphry, Sen. |

| Places. | Ministers. | Delegates. |
|---|---|---|
| Lakeland, | George Hood. | |
| Lake Park, | George Johnson. | |
| Little Falls, | D. W. Rosenkrans, | Mrs. S. A. Rosenkrans. |
| Maine, | C. P. Cheeseman. | |
| Mankato, | L. W. Chaney, | W. L. Grant. |
| Mantorville, | William Gill. | |
| Marine Mills 1st, | | Mrs. M. H. Potter. |
| Marine Mills 2d, | | Jonathan Huntly. |
| Marshall, | | Mrs. H. C. Simmons. |
| McPherson, | R. S. Armstrong. | |
| Medford, | A. Graves, | Mrs. J. N. Powell. |
| Minneapolis, 1st, | E. M. Williams, | B. C. Morrison. |
| " Plymouth, | H. A. Stimson, | Charles Clarke. |
| " 2d, | E. S. Williams. | L. B. Graham. |
| " Pilgrim, | G. A. Hood, | A. L. Goodrich. |
| Morris, | J. L. Fonda, | Mrs. M. J. Fonda. |
| Morristown, | W. L. Sutherland. | |
| Northfield, | D. L. Leonard, | Andrew Lee. |
| Ortonville, | | Rev. J. N. Williams. |
| Osakis, | F. N. Walcott. | |
| Owatonna, | D. A. Morehouse, | A. N. Stoughton. |
| Plainview, | Henry Willard, | Mrs. J. Baldwin. |
| Preston Lake, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Princeton, | David Henderson. | |
| Rochester, | | A. C. Smith. |
| Rushford, | William W. Snell, | William McKay. |
| Sauk Centre, | I. L. Cory, | Rev. A. J. Pike. |
| Scambler, | George Johnson. | |
| Sherburne, | D. B. Eells. | |
| Sleepy Eye, | V. E. Loba, | Isaac Gallagher. |
| Spring Valley, | | S. A. Hunt. |
| St. Charles, | H. B. Tuttle. | |
| St. Olaf, | C. P. Cheeseman. | |
| St. Paul, | M. M. G. Dana, D. D., | C. W. Hackett. |
| Tracy Union, | H. C. Simmons. | |
| Two Rivers, | | Thomas Young. |
| Wabasha, | J. W. Ray, | Mrs. Charles Parker. |
| Wadena, | William Denley. | |
| Walnut Grove, | H. C. Simmons. | |
| Waseca, | C. W. Merrill, | J. L. Claghorn. |
| Waterville, | W. L. Sutherland. | |
| Westford, | D. B. Eells. | |
| Winona, | J. H. Morley, | Rev. Hiram Elmer. |
| Worthington, | | Elihu Smith. |
| Yucatan, | William W. Snell. | |
| Zumbrota, | C. H. Rogers, | Isaac C. Stearns. |

Rev. L. H. Cobb, Supt. of Home Missions in Minnesota.

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Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., Secretary A. H. M. S., New York.
Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., Secretary Am. Cong. Union, New York.
Rev. G. D. Pike, D. D., Secretary Am. M. A., New York.
Rev. James W. Strong, D. D., President Carleton College, Northfield.
Rev. A. S. Kedzie, Fin. Agent Chicago Theo. Seminary, Chicago.
Rev. James Powell, District Secretary A. M. A., Chicago.
Rev. William Walker, ex-Missionary of A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. Richard Hall, St. Paul.
Rev. D. Burt, Supt. Pub. Instruction, St. Paul.
Rev. George Huntington, Prof. Carleton College, Northfield.
Rev. G. Campbell, Prof. in State University, Minneapolis.
Rev. William Ewing, Winnepeg, Manitoba.
Rev. M. A. Stevens, Minneapolis.
Rev. Charles Shedd, Waseca.
Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, Zumbrota.
Rev. C. M. Terry, St. Paul.
Rev. J. B. Fairbanks, Farmington, Ills.
Rev. H. K. Painter, Oberlin, Ohio.
Rev. N. M. Learned, Minneapolis.
Rev. J. R. Creighton, Minneapolis.
Rev. S. H. Barteau, Hastings.
Rev. W. W. Satterlee, Minneapolis.
Rev. A. C. Lathrop, Glenwood.
Rev. D. Rice.
Bro. K. A. Burnell, Aurora, Ill.
Bro. William Newcourt, River Falls, Wis.
Bro. S. Wales, River Falls, Wis.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society was presented. Referred to the Auditor, and reported correct. [See Appendix L.]

A report was read by Rev. H. A. Stimson, Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and after discussion was adopted. [See Appendix E.]

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st. That it is the sense of this Conference that inasmuch as this subject of Systematic Beneficence is of vital importance, it recommends that each Local Conference raise a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence which shall report annually to its Conference, and through the same committees to the State Conference.

2d. That each Church be requested to report to the local conferences what system they have, if any, of giving, and why they do not give (if they do not) to each of the six Congregational societies.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Henry Willard, Rev. J. W. Ray, and Mr. C. W. Hackett, a committee to consider what can be done to render the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society more effective.

Their report was accepted, and is as follows :

Your Committee recommend the substitution of the words "and the amount granted shall not exceed the income for the year," for that part of the first paragraph of Art. 10 which follows the words "reliable persons."

Also, we recommend that the Trustees call for an annual contribution from the churches to the funds of the Society as often as they feel that the necessities of their beneficiaries require it.

Reports were made on action of Local Conferences with reference to last year's resolutions on Ministerial Credentials by

Rev. H. A. Stimson, for Anoka Conference.
Rev. J. L. Fonda, for Western Conference.
Rev. D. A. Morehouse, for Owatonna Conference.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

*Resolved*, 1st. That the attention of the Local Conferences be called to the recommendations adopted by the State Conference, suggesting the appointment of a Standing Committee on Credentials, to which shall be referred the credentials of every minister not settled as pastor, supplying the pulpit of any church of the Conference, and that it shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to report to the Scribe of the State Conference at the annual meeting a list of ministers whose credentials have been examined and found satisfactory.

2d. That a committee to consist of one from each Local Conference shall be appointed to present this subject at the next regular meeting of the Local Conferences, and that this committee shall consist of Revs. Dana of the Anoka, Pelton of the Northern, Leonard of the Owatonna, Fonda of the Western, and Morley of the Winona Conference.

Revs. P. B. Fisk, C. A. Conant and Bro. A. C. Smith were appointed Committee on Nominations, and their report was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mr. J. E. Bell, referred to Auditor and approved. [See Appendix J.]

President Folwell, on behalf of the Faculty, sent an invitation to the Conference to visit the State University, which was presented to the same by the Moderator.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference was called to order, and Rev. G. S. Pelton read a paper on "Qualifications of an Effective Home Missionary," which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

After singing a hymn, the report of the President of Carleton College was presented, accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. [See Appendix F.]

Dr. Dana read a paper on "Carleton College and its History." It was

*Resolved*, 1st. That the special thanks of the Conference by given to Dr. Dana for the care and skill with which he has prepared the record of Carleton College, and the appreciative spirit with which he has entered into the understanding of its story.

2d. That the Trustees of the College be recommended to secure the printing of the paper in such form as will in their judgment best serve the purposes for which it is intended.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

After a short praise service, Conference met for missionary addresses, Assistant Moderator presiding, who offered the opening prayer.

Rev. G. D. Pike, D. D., spoke for the A. M. A.

After singing, the work of the A. H. M. S. was presented by Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D.

Rev. William B. Brown, D. D. presented the cause of the "Congregational Union."

Adjourned to Friday, 2 o'clock P. M.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with a praise service.

Rev. L. W. Chaney, Corresponding Secretary, presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. [See Appendix B.]

After singing, the report of the Committee on Revivals was presented by Rev. J. H. Morley. Accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. [See appendix C.]

A prayer service followed on behalf of revival work.

Adjourned to Saturday 9 A. M.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

After a prayer-meeting, led by Rev. C. A. Conant, Conference was called to order and prayer was offered by Rev. William Ewing, of Winnepeg.

The interests of Chicago Theological Seminary were then presented by Rev. A. S. Kedzie.

A paper was read by Rev. C. E. Wright on "The most effective use that can be made of the Doctrine of the Atonement," which, after singing and offering prayer, was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

Rev. James Powell spoke for the A. M. A.

Rev. S. Brown, of Minneapolis, presented the salutations of the State Baptist Conference, and was responded to by the Moderator.

Conference voted to telegraph greetings to the Presbyterian Synod in session at Albert Lea, which were reciprocated by the Synod.

The report of Bro. William Cheney, Statistical Secretary, was read, amended by dropping Granville and Guilford churches and restoring High Forrest, adopted, when completed, and referred to the Printing Committee.

The report of Committee on Place and Preacher, recommending Northfield as place and Rev. H. A. Stimson as preacher, with Rev. G. S. Pelton alternate, was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix G.]

The Committee on New Churches presented their report, which was accepted, and the following churches enrolled :

Osakis, Freedom, Granger, Alden, Sherburne, Cokato, Perham, Gordon, Ortonville, East Mapleton, Lakeview, Appleton, Waterville.

The Committee on Sabbath Services reported as follows :

*First Congregational Church—*
10:30 A. M., Rev. D. L. Leonard. Home Missionary Prayer Meeting at 9:00 A. M., led by Rev. L. H. Cobb. Children's Meeting at 2:30 P. M., led by Rev. E. S. Williams ; addresses by Revs. C. H. Rogers, W. L. Sutherland, and Bro. K. A. Burnell. Communion Service at 3:30 P. M., conducted by Revs. William Gill and L. W. Chaney ; Decons assisting, Bros. Bowles, Whiting, Graham and Murray. Evening service at 7:30 ; closing addresses, Pres. Strong presiding.

*Plymouth Church—*
Morning, Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D.
Evening, Rev. J. H. Morley.

*Second Congregational Church—*
Morning, Rev. C. E. Wright.
Evening, Addresses by K. A. Burnell, F. N. Walcott, J. S Hull.

*Pilgrim Church—*
Morning, Rev. P. B. Fisk.
Evening, Rev. G. S. Pelton.

*Reformed Episcopal Church—*
Morning, Rev. J. R. Chalmers.
Evening, Rev. I. S. Cory.

*Andrew Presbyterian Church—*
Morning, Rev. W. W. Snell.
Evening, Rev. Charles Sheldon.

*Park Ave. Presbyterian Church—*
Morning, Rev. L. W. Chaney.
Evening, Rev. C. A. Conant.

*Dayton Ave. Presbyterian Church, St. Paul—*
Rev. R. A. Beard.

*Free Will Baptist Church—*
Morning, Rev. S. H. Bartean.

*Universalist Church—*
Rev. D. A. Morehouse.

*Baptist Church E. D.—*
Rev. L. Loring.

*First Baptist Church*—
Morning, Rev. William Walker, D. D.
Evening, Rev. Henry Willard.
*Clark Chapel of Plymouth*—
Rev. F. N. Walcott.
*Westminster Presbyterian*—
Morning, Rev. I. L. Cory.
Evening, Rev. J. B. Fairbanks.
Temperance Meeting, Rev. D. L. Leonard.
*Methodist Episcopal E. D.*—
Evening, Revs. C. W. Merrill, C. P. Cheeseman, J. W. Ray.

Rev. George A. Hood was elected Statistical and Recording Secretary for three years.

Delegates to other bodies were elected, as follows:

*To the M. E. Conference*—Rev. E. S. Williams.
" " *Baptist Conference*—Rev. H. B. Tuttle.
" " *Presbyterian Synod*—Rev. L. H. Cobb.
" " *United Brethren Conference*—Rev. C. A. Ruddock.

By-Law No. 12 was voted as follows:

The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of councils whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of Councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference was called to order.

The following Directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society were elected:

*For 3 Years*—Revs. Henry Willard, L. H. Cobb.
*For 2 Years*—Rev. J. W. Ray and A. H. Young.

The Committee on Finance and Printing reported, recommending that the Conference authorize the Finance and Printing Committee to assess such tax per member as may be necessary to print the Minutes. It was adopted.

*Voted*, that the Recording Secretary be instructed to insert in Minutes of Conference the Records of the Minnesota Home Missionary Meeting and of the Womans' Missionary Society Meeting.

*Voted*, that the Rev. L. H. Cobb be requested to present a brief obituary notice of Rev. Sherman Hall, lately deceased, which being read to Conference, with one of Rev. Cyrus Stone, were accepted. [See Appendix H.]

The Minutes were read, approved and referred to the Printing Committee.

A paper on "The Sunday Question" was read by Judson M. Cross, Esq., and after discussion was accepted and referred to Printing Committee.

Rev. H. A. Stimson read a paper on "Some Contributions which the West may be expected to make to the Congregationalism of the Future," which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

Conference opened with a praise service, led by Rev. P. B. Fisk.

A missionary address was made by Rev. William Walker, formerly Missionary of the American Board in Africa.

Adjourned to Sabbath evening.

## SABBATH EVENING.

After the opening services, conducted by Pres. Jas. W. Strong, D. D., the subject of "Enduement of Spiritual Power," was presented by Rev. L. H. Cobb, Supt. of Home Missions, and others.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the First Church of Minneapolis for hospitality and other favors received, which was responded to by the pastor. Also, to the railroads for their courtesies.

The Minutes were approved, and after closing exercises the Conference adjourned.

A. H. YOUNG, Moderator.

Q. L. DOWD, Scribe.
J. L. FONDA, Asst. Scribe.
GEO. A. HOOD, Rec. Secretary.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order in the First Congregational church of Minneapolis, October 10th, 1879, at 9:30 A. M., by Pres. J. W. Strong.

After prayer by Rev. Charles Shedd, Rev. J. B. Renshaw was elected Scribe.

The Nominating Committee of the Conference was authorized to act in the same capacity for this Society.

C. A. J. Marsh was chosen Auditor.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. L. H. Cobb, was presented and accepted, having been already audited.

Superintendent L. H. Cobb presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

It was

*Resolved*, That the arrangement of the Evangelistic work suggested in the Superintendents' Report, be referred to a special committee, and the chairmen of the several Conference committees, together with the Superintendents.

Rev. D. L. Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Directors, made a statement of their work, which was accepted and thanks voted to the Board.

It was

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed from the Board of Directors to be a Standing Committee on Parsonages, to report monthly to the Board and annually at the State Conference to this Society.

Revs. E. M. Williams and H. A. Stimson were appointed.

Rev. D. A. Morehouse made the report of the Committee upon the Woman's Cent Society, which, after amendment, was adopted but subsequently reconsidered and laid on the table.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted, as follows:

For Board of Directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society: Revs. H. A. Sitmson and E. M. Williams.

Upon nomination from the several Local Conferences, the following persons were confirmed as members of the Executive Committee:

*Anoka Conference*—Revs. G. A. Hood, E. S. Williams, and Bro. D. C. Bell.

*Northern Pacific Conference*—Revs. G. S. Pelton, R. A. Beard and M. M. Tracy.

*Owatonna Conference*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, D. A. Morehouse and C. E. Wright.

*Western Conference*—Revs. H. C. Simmons, C. A. Ruddock and J. L. Fonda.

*Winona Conference*—Revs. J. H. Morley, Henry Willard and W. W. Snell.

Prof. George Huntingdon, of Carleton College, read a paper on "Religion and the Home," which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

The Society met at 7:30 for a Home Missionary Meeting, led by Supt. Cobb. After prayer, addresses were made by Revs. I. L. Cory of Sauk Centre, V. E. Loba of Sleepy Eye, R. B. Wright of Dexter, W. L. Sutherland of Morristown, and William Ewing of Winnepeg, Manitoba, varied by singing.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Society adjourned.

JAMES B. RENSHAW, Scribe.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ORGANIZATION.

Pursuant to call, a meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Cent Society was held in the Chapel of the First Congregational Church of Minneapolis, at 10 o'clock A. M., October 11, 1879.

Mrs. L. H. Cobb called the meeting to order, and prayer was offered by J. W. Strong, D. D.

As some confusion had arisen from having too many organizations, the object of this meeting was to devise some way to simplify our missionary work, and at the same time render it more effective.

On motion it was voted to disband the Woman's Cent Society.

Measures were immediately taken to organize a new Society.

Mrs. Cobb was elected President, and Miss Nichols Secretary of the meeting.

Mrs. C. W. Hackett, Mrs. E J. Hart and Miss M. J. Evans were appointed a committee to prepare and present a Constitution.

During the absence of the Committee, Mrs. Briggs of Glyndon, and Mrs. Morehouse of Owatonna, gave interesting accounts of their Societies.

The Committee presented their report, which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Constitution was adopted by sections. [See page 76.]

Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mrs. Morehouse and Mrs. Briggs were appointed a Committee to Nominate Officers. Their report was adopted, and the following officers elected:

*President*—Mrs. E. J. Hart, Cottage Grove.
*Vice President*—Mrs. Armstrong, Winnebago Agency.
*Secretary*—Miss Jessie Hackett, St. Paul.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Minneapolis.

DIRECTORS.

Mrs. Briggs, of Northern Pacific Conference.
Mrs. Chaney, of Owatonna Conference.
Mrs. Goodsell, of Western Conference.

The meeting then adjourned.

KATE W. NICHOLS, Sec'y *pro tem.*

# APPENDICES.

## (A.)

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE.

*Business Committee*—Revs. C. E. Wright, C. W. Merrill, Bro. Wm. Laird, of Winona.

*On Arrangements*—Revs. D. L. Leonard, C. A. Conant, Bro. M. W. Skinner.

*On Finance and Printing*—Revs. G. A. Hood, M. M. G. Dana, D. D., Q. L. Dowd.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. H. A. Stimson, J. W. Ray, Bro. S. Phœnix, of Lake City.

*On Revivals*—Revs. E. M. Williams, Joseph Chandler, G. S. Pelton.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. J. H. Morley, C. H. Rogers, Bros. R. M. Newport, Charles Parker, Rev. R. S. Cross.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MINN. H. M. SOCIETY.

*Anoka Conference*—G. A. Hood, E. S. Williams, D. C. Bell.
*Northern Pacific Conference*—G. S. Pelton, R. A. Beard, M. M. Tracy.
*Owatonna Conference*—L. W. Chaney, D. A. Morehouse, C. E. Wright.
*Western Conference*—C. A. Ruddock.
*Winona Conference*—J. H. Morley, Henry Willard, W. W. Snell.

### DIRECTORS OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

*Three Years*—Revs. Henry Willard, L. H. Cobb.
*Two Years*—Rev. J. W. Ray, Hon. A. H. Young.
*One Year*—Rev. D. L. Leonard, Bro. D. C. Bell.

## (B.)

### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE UNAIDED CHURCHES.

Austin. The church has enjoyed usual prosperity during the year. *Twenty* ew members have been received—nearly all adults. The congregations have een good as usual. Sabbath School flourishing; prayer-meetings better than ver before. The hard time have affected but little the home or benevolent con- ibutions of the church. The church has recently issued a new Manual of forty ages, containing historical statements, tables showing the annual growth and ontributions, articles of faith, form of admission, rules, roll, &c. Quite a large lormal Class is conducted by the pastor once a month. The spirituality and orking power of the church have been affected somewhat by the intense *polit- al* strife, which pervades the community and enters more or less into every- hing. However, they have been graciously preserved from any great harm. In rouble they have drawn nearer to Christ, and tried to learn of him our duty. The ear, on the whole, has been an encouraging one to us.

C. E. WRIGHT.

Cannon River Falls has had a year of harmony and of good attendance upon abbath worship—very pleasant to the pastor, Rev. C. A. Conant. It is making n effort to secure a parsonage, thus setting an example worthy of imitation by ll our churches, and that might well be emphasized in this Conference.

Cottage Grove was reported last year as much weakened and depressed by ss of members, and as having little hope of sustaining itself without aid. But inister and people both exhibiting a spirit of self-sacrifice, it still moves on un- ided. Its congregation is growing—has nearly doubled in six months. Six ave united with the church on profession of faith and two by letter since May. 'here are no saloons and no visible traces of intemperance in the place. The resent pastor, Rev. L. Loring, who took charge of the church in May, has es- ablished a school, to which as principal he devotes a small portion of his time, nd which he regards as an important factor in his work for Christ there. The eople have recently shown their affection for Rev. E. J. Hart, their former pas- or for ten years, by presenting him a purse of something more than one hundred ollars. Enfeebled health constrained him to relinquish the pastorate, and he ow contemplates a trip to California.

From Crookston some eight or ten additions to the church are reported, all at one by letter, and audience ranging from twenty-five to seventy-five, and a abbath School from twenty-five to fifty. No revival interest, an old, cold, un- omfortable house of worship, an insufficient salary, and the consequent resig- ation of the pastor, Rev. T. H. Smith.

In Douglass the Sabbath services have been well attended; prayer-meetings oderately well.

Sunshine seems to have prevailed at Elk River. A steady interest, growth to the point of self-support, a good Sunday School, five additions to the church by profession, unity of feeling, all live branches, good listeners, good prospect for a strong church, have combined to make the pastor, Rev. W. M. Jenkins, well pleased with his location and his people.

Excelsior rejoices in the addition to its church edifice of two commodious rooms, one for the primary class, and the other for prayer-meetings. The cost has been about six hundred dollars; of which four hundred were given by the widow of the late Dr. C. L. Ives, as a memorial of her husband. In this gift she carries out faithfully the purpose that Dr. Ives entertained sometime before his death.

In Faribault the Sunday services have been largely and constantly attended, both morning and evening; and the Sunday School has been well sustained. But there has been no marked interest. A preaching service has been maintained at one point in the country during most of the summer.

From Glenwood comes the following quaint response: "DEAR BROTHER—You wish to know the history of 'my church' for the last year. Well, it is very old and nearly blind, but self-sustaining still, and independent of all human aid. It is not able to contribute much, but hopes to do so, humbly, by and by. It means to be at General Conference, in a full body, and the whole of it, because it is included in myself. Your brother, A. C. LATHROP." And he adds: "My three score years and eight much tell on me, and yet I have sweet joy and rest at home, after an active and a weary life."

Bro. Pelton, of Glyndon, reports a year of great prosperity—no special awakening at any one time, but a growing interest through the year. Some have been added on profession of faith, none by letter. Sabbath services, prayer-meeting, young people's meeting, ladies weekly conference meeting, all well sustained through the year. A branch of the Women's Board of Missions has been organized and is doing good work. The Sabbath School has constantly increased in numbers and in interest. Two have gone home to the heavenly rest; one a bright young girl, baptized and received to the church the day before her death, and the other an aged christian, ripened for the kingdom of glory through a long and painful illness. Brethren, how near together are the Church Militnat and the Church Triumphant! May we all also be ready for the transfer!

Spring Valley has been without a pastor since Bro. Merrill responded to the urgent call of Waseca in July last. But regular services have been sustained on the Sabbath; preaching in the morning by the father of Bro. Merrill, and a song service in the evening. The weekly prayer-meeting is fairly attended. There have been twenty-five accessions to the church during the year, twenty-three of them on profession of faith. Benevolent contributions have footed up two hundred and forty-five dollars. The Clerk says: "We have taken up all the bridges in the rear, and propose to march right on under the headship of the Captain of our Salvation unto sure victory."

At Lake City special meetings were held during the last of January and the first of February, resulting in one or two hopeful conversions, and in some spiritual good to the church. The Sabbath congregation, the prayer-meeting, and

the Sunday School have somewhat increased. Pastor Fisk has been carrying a subscription paper for a much needed new church edifice. He sums up his success with it by saying that he has not quite given it up yet. A Normal Class for Bible study was maintained last winter and spring, and may be resumed this winter.

Mankato has made the experiment of self-support for one year, and has found it a difficult undertaking, because of the removal of so many of its best supporting members to other places. It has lost in this way about seventy-five members in seven years, and the last year has been worst of all. The congregation has not declined, however; it has rather increased of late. Eight have been added to the church, three on professions of faith and five by letter. This church has been remarkably exempt from losses by death. It has been nine years in existence. It has received to membership one hundred and seventy-four persons, and in nine years it has lost but three by death; one its Senior Deacon, a very aged man, one a young man, who had inherited consumption, and one a woman just past middle-life, who had been an invalid for years.

Mantorville reports two weeks of evening meetings in the autumn, in connection with a Mission Sabbath School, and eight hopeful conversions, five of whom were added to the church and others were forbidden to unite by parents. In all, seven have been admitted on profession of faith and some by letter. Eight have been dismissed and one has died. Five families, embracing some of the best material in the church, have removed, and Deacon Judd contemplates removal. Financially it has been a close year. Bro. Gill depends, under God, upon the free-will offerings of his people. Last year's crops did not pay for harvesting, and he has received two hundred dollars less than for any of the last twelve years of his ministry. But he has had no sickness, no misfortune, and he has never needed money and asked the Lord for it without receiving it. His back yard was taken possession of by thirteen loads of wood one day last winter, and sometime after his house was entered by friends, who left about one hundred dollars in money and the memory of a pleasant evening.

The Marine First church story may be quickly summed up. There has been no change during the year in membership, except one dismissal, one death, and one admitted upon profession of faith. There are at least two gleams of promise: First, an improved moral standard among those who are influenced by and through the church. Second, an increased average attendance upon church services.

Minneapolis, First, has had a quiet year—too quiet the pastor feels. While he values rest at proper times, he would be glad to see, and undoubtedly share a measure of *disquietude* if it might result in greater earnest and more thorough consecration to the Lord's work. One cheering fact is that the church has adopted and sustained a Mission School, which is doing fairly well, and which calls out the zeal and patience of some younger members. There are a large number of most interesting youth in the Society for whose conversion to Christ Bro. Williams longs very tenderly, and for which he covets the more earnest prayers and efforts of parents.

Minneapolis, Second, has enjoyed a year of growth, and of more intelligent and consecrated giving than ever before. As a result of Mr. Pentecost's meeting, some came into the church who had long been prayed for. The Sabbath School does faithful work; the prayer-meeting are practical and conversational, very helpful. Two Mission Schools grow towards development into churches. The pastor has been ill, and appreciates the kindness and patience of his church. Now he is quite well and ready for good work. The last few weeks the children have been treated to a short sermon every Sunday, and have seemed to enjoy it.

Pilgrim, Minneapolis, is new in the experience of self-support. It finds the lights many and the shadows few but dark.

*Lights.*

1. The blessedness of giving as a part of christian life, and the satisfaction of conducting church finances on that principle, and not on the basis of rents, fairs, festivals, auctions and bazaars, &c. Nothing else could have paid the expense of enlarging the church edifice last summer in three months from the time of finishing, put in a good heater, and assumed self-support from March first. Several families have given one-tenth of all. One man has given one-sixth of his income. One, who receives two dollars per day, gives one dollar and twenty-five cents weekly for church expenses, besides an occasional five on other matters. He says he was never so blessed before. A effort is made to create a church sentiment in favor of giving one-tenth to the Lord.

2. Spiritual activity—intermittent in flow, but always some droppings. Ten additions on profession of faith and nine by letter. Though so distant from the center, and so wearied with labor, the church did their share in the Pentecost and Stebbins meetings, and received their proportion of the results.

*Shadows.*

Not a single family of the church in easy circumstances—almost all day laborers. Hardest work and closest economy make it well nigh impossible for men, women, or youth to spend time or strengthen church work, and to keep the dues up. And it leaves no reserve in case of necessary outlay or unavoidable arrearage.

Plymouth, Minneapolis, rejoices chiefly in the payment of a thirteen thousand dollar debt, incurred in four years in consequence of increased expenditures and the pressure of hard times. Many of the weak churches of the State will no doubt feel comforted in the assurance that in this, their strongest sister, there is sympathy and fellow-feeling for the struggles which they have been prone to think were peculiar to their own class. Spiritually the year has not been notable. Audiences have been larger than ever before, but no special times of refreshing have been enjoyed. Church activities were never more prospering. There are four distinct Sunday Schools, well manned and in full operation with from five to six hundred members. Benevolences are kept up with interest and regularity, and the church is strongly and heartily united, and thoroughly

ready for all good work. The pastor carries a profoundly thankful heart into the service he renders.

Northfield is full of good cheer. It reports one of the best years it has ever had. Only one year brought more additions; and almost all the recent accessions were on profession of faith. In December, in connection with the labors of Rev. H. P. Welton, came a refreshing in the college and home church, and through January and February, in three outlying fields special efforts were richly blessed. The young people are very active in Christian Association work. Benefices are up to former years, though no advance. With the Fall term of college they start in with full congregations and Sabbath School, and great encouragement in all parts of the work. The pastor has four regular outside afternoon appointments.

Osakis. Rev. F. N. Walcott commenced labor with this church on the first of March last. The membership was then eighteen, of whom nine were absent or connected with another church. Since then eleven have joined on profession of faith and two by letter. Two have been dismissed by letter and one has been dropped. The people are poor, but have raised $250 for the pastor's salary. The interest in the Sabbath School and church is increasing. The Sabbath School raised $90 at a festival, with which they bought an organ. The pastor preaches also at Gordon, where he has organized a temporary church of seven members; and he expects soon to organize a church at Easton, where there is a precious revival.

Owatonna comes also with a song in her mouth. The lights have been more than the shadows. Early in the autumn of last year a series of union meetings, conducted by Rev. H. P. Welton, resulted in much good to the community. Christians were quickened in spiritual life and many were converted. Accessions to the church during the year were twenty-seven on profession of faith and seven by letter. The Sabbath services are well attended, social meeting are attractive, and there is a growing interest in Sabbath School work. Women are especially active, both in the cause of missions and in temperance reform, and the Children's Missionary Society is quite efficient. The year's history affords much encouragement and much inspiration for the work yet to be done. While sensible of defects, pastor and people prefer the hope that comes from the bright things in their experience, to the despondency arising from too intent a look at the dark things in church life. And thus they desire to go forward in their work cleaving more and more to the lights, till they drop out and leave behind all shadows.

From Plainview we hear of no marked and special quickening, but of a steady administration of the ordinary means of grace. Large losses by removal to frontier towns have been replaced by the immigration of others, attracted by new railroad facilities. Not without a struggle the town still maintains its character as a temperance community. It tolerates no licensed sale of intoxicating drinks. A high wind in August injured the church steeple, and necessitated repairs to the amount of $150, an expenditure regretted at this time, when a succession of poor crops has occasioned difficulty in meeting ordinary expenses.

St. Charles has exchanged pastors. Rev. H. B. Tuttle began his work there June first. He mentions an improvement in the prayer-meetings, and speaks of good audiences on the Sabbath. He looks into the future hopefully.

St. Cloud has a neat little church edifice, and it is paid for. But it has had no pastor for about three years. It is not dead, but suspended for the present, from the feeling that the place has not been able to support so many protestant churches. Prayer-meetings and Sabbath School are both kept up. They are now looking for a pastor.

Plymouth Church, St. Paul, has had a prosperous year. Additions every communion with a good degree of earnestness the year through. Devotional meetings well sustained. During much of July and August the Sabbath School suffered from the absence of many of the teachers. Summer rustication is a serious hindrance to home work, and church and school prosperity. Sunday work, occasioned by railroad excursions in summer, affects unfavorably our community, and not a few church members; a growing evil in all railroad centers like St. Paul. The church is looking for times of refreshing in connection with the coming of Major Whittle and Mr. McGranahan just at hand. We need a deep and general revival in the city, a higher toned religious life in the church, more earnestness in contending with temptations. There is in the church an interesting interest in the Home Missions, and sympathy with missionary churches and pastors. The ladies' meeting, workers meeting, and missionary meeting are all well sustained and full of interest.

The church in Hamilton reports a well sustained interest in Sabbath worship and in the Sabbath School. Two additions on profession of faith; none by letter. The church labors under financial burdens, which *may* necessitate the resignation of the pastor, though he has withheld it the present year at the earnest solicitation of the people.

After a year's absence the pastor of the church in Wabasha, Rev. J. W. Ray, returned in March last. The house of worship is well filled on Sabbath morning, and often crowded in the evening. Four were expected to unite with the church on the first Sabbath in October, three by letter and one on profession of faith. A debt of more than a thousand dollars on the parsonage has been nearly half cancelled, and there is hope that it will be wholly lifted this fall or in the spring. The congregation is composed largely of young people.

Winona has had several additions on profession of faith. It is trying the Providence plan of benevolence. The Sabbath School is large and flourishing. Many things indicate prosperity in the church work, but the great need is the revival of piety and activity. Of this there are some indications.

Zumbrota has a new pastor from Iowa, Rev. Charles A. Rogers. Prayer-meetings and Sunday evening meetings are more fully attended than ever before. There is also a harmony and unity of spirit and action not enjoyed for several years past. Altogether the prospect for the future is highly encouraging.

Such is the story gathered from thirty unaided churches. Seventeen have given no report. Some of them undoubtedly cheer our hearts with glad tidings. It is a story of lights and shadows. We can but wish that the lights were more abundant. But as we listen to the story does there not rise up in our hearts a

feeling of profound gratitude to Almighty God for these churches of a free polity and evangelical faith, with which he has dotted our State, and which are doing so much to make it blossom as the rose! Let us take courage, and consecrate ourselves anew to the precious work.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVIVALS.

The past year has not been marked by numerous or extensive revivals of religion in our State. Only six or seven churches report unusual interest. We should make the distinction between the revival and that ordinary spiritual life which is attended with conversions. Many of our churches who report no revivals have not been unvisited by the Holy Spirit.

In Carleton College, last winter, there was a work of much power, resulting in the conversion of about twenty-five students. At the end of the collegiate year all but two in the College proper were indulging hope in Christ. The revival seemed to commence with a delegation of students who attended the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Afterwards the Rev. Mr. Welton visited the town and strengthened those who had started in the Christian life. Under his leadership there was an extensive work in the town. In January and February Mr. Leonard held meetings for eight weeks in four out-stations, doing most of the work himself. All-day meetings with pic-nic dinners helped the work. About fifty gave evidence of conversion. The work was permanent. Mr. Morehouse writes that union meetings were held at Owatonna, in November last, under the leadership of Mr. Welton, The meetings were held for four weeks, and consisted of Bible readings in the afternoon with Gospel meetings in the evening. There were about seventy hopeful conversions; of these nearly thirty united with the Congregational church. The Rev. Dr. Pentecost held union meetings in Minneapolis for four weeks in April and May last. Sixteen to eighteen churches united in the work. The results were mainly in the direction of increasing the spiritual life and quickening the consciences of christians. Much opposition was awakened. Possibly the special efforts were interrupted too soon to secure a large work among the unconverted. As it is, about seventy were hopefully converted. The larger part of these were received into Plymouth and Westminster churches. Mr. Pelton writes of a work at Pleasant Ridge with ten or twelve conversions. All the impenitent, save one, who attended the meetings were converted. Mr. Fisk speaks of a spiritual quickening at Hartland, with a few hopeful conversions. The church at Spring Valley united with the Methodists of that place in revival work. Mr. Merrill writes that twenty-two joined his church upon profession of faith in the six months ending July first. At Clear-

water there has been, at two separate times, religious interest which resulted in the conversion of a few. Bro. Henry Plant assisted Mr. Smith with Bible readings. At Mantorville there has been religious interest with several conversions. Other pastors speak of additions by profession; of the presence of the converting and sanctifying Spirit. It is impossible to give the whole of the Holy Spirit's work. Only God knows tne faithful labors and prayers of His children. Only God knows how the seed sown in faith, and lying for a time without sign of life, is yet to spring up and bear fruit to the praise of His blessed name. This record of revivals, alas! how brief it is, suggests our need of a revival. Let us for a few moments attend to this thought.

## I.

We need a revival of religion for the sake of increasing the spiritual life of churches. I am in no sense a religious pessimist. I have no sympathy with those who bring a railing accusation against the church, as though she were unfaithful and corrupt, and still degenerating. We have now men and women worthy to stand in the Apostolical succession. But there is a continual tendency to lower the standard of Christian life. We cannot escape the touch of this tendency unless we go out of the world. Now, Christian men lower the standard of business morality; again, they suffer business and pleasure to encroach upon the Sabbath, upon religious duties; again, they tend to undue conformity with the world in the line of pleasure. Many of our young converts have never felt the distinction between the spiritual and the worldly life. They mean to serve Christ. With some fidelity, they do serve Him. They need to appreciate their duty with respect to the unconverted about them; with respect to the heathen; with respect to the standards of business morality; with respect to amusements; with respect to the church. They need something more than an intellectual appreciation; they need such enlargement of heart, as well as quickness of intellect, that they shall see and embrace duty, and a rise to higher life. Now, let us never forget, it is the *ordinary* work of the pastor and the church to train Christians for a better life. But the revival, which brings God's Spirit near a whole community, has always been favorable to the enlargement of piety. Christians then take a stand from which they do not go back. One criticism upon revivals is that Christians are revived only for a time. But the revival, in which the Holy Spirit is present, and in which the human leadership is wise, plans for a permanent forward movement in the church. This Christian begins to labor with the impenitent; he acquires facility, willingness, in this work, which abide with him. He may not be as active after the revival as during its progress; still he has acquired adaption to the work and as occasion arises he will work.

Now we need a revival of religion which shall bring our churches forward. We want greater spiritual life; we need adaption to work; we need a quick conscience upon questions of morality. That blessing which comes gradually to the church in its ordinary state, comes more quickly, more generally, during a revival. Revivals of religion with all their imperfections—alas! how great are

the imperfections by which the human instrumentality mars the symmetry of the Holy Spirit's work, revivals of religion have been the starting points from which churches, communities, nations, nay the world itself, have dated their spiritual reformation. The revival under Martin Luther developed the spiritual life of the church, quickened its conscience. The revivals under Whitfield; later revivals at the beginning of this century, developed morality in New England, awakened the churches from their lethargy, as the ordinary instrumentalities of the Gospel could not do. The student of the Divine method of working sees in the early revivals which visited New England the source of much that is best in our present religious character. These revivals secured permanent advance. The advance was not ephemeral. It was permanent. Here in this great Commonwealth, there is a responsibility resting upon our churches greater than that which rested upon the New England churches of a century ago. The problem, to the solution of which they contributed something, is still unsolved. Some of its conditions are more complicated now than before. To the solution of the great problem that is upon us, we can contribute our part only as our churches have profound religious life; a quick sensitiveness to all duty; hearty consecration to our Master. To secure this we need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; nothing else can give it to us.

## II.

We need a revival of religion for the sake of securing a correct faith among Christians. That there is much looseness of religious belief even among Christians is true. Doctrines are not held with the same intensity, nor with the same confidence as formerly. In our Commonwealth there is a large number who deny the great doctrines of religion; the sanctity of the Sabbath; the fact of regeneration; the doctrine of Atonement; the retributions of eternity. These all are denied by large numbers in every community. The bold denial of these doctrines by unbelievers weakens the faith of some of the disciples. They imagine that in some way the simple doctrines of the New Testament are to be modified. If a man has been converted with only a feeble experience of religious truth, his faith in the truth will be feeble. From the slight modification of his own character, he will argue that regeneration is an insignificant change; hence he will surmise that possibly, as there is not much difference in the character of the regenerate and the unregenerate, there will be only a slight difference in their final condition; hence he will imagine that possibly it will at last somehow be well with them that do not love God. This weakness of faith will weaken the faith of others. There is this tendency to modify the doctrines of the New Testament. It results from the feebleness of our religious life; from the shallowness of our experience in conversion; from the lowness of our aims. Too many of us long for material success, are deaf to the voice of the Spirit; so we make our creed harmonize with our life. Our churches need, first, to maintheir own confidence in all the truths of God's word. They need, secondly, to control the faith of the community. When the church is filled with the Holy

Spirit, it modifies the faith of the community. A revival of religion which should quicken our churches throughout the Commonwealth, which should secure the thorough conversion of a multitude, would give Christians new confidence in the fact of regeneration; would give the world new evidence that the Holy Spirit is now, as heretofore, taking men from the Kingdom of Satan, transferring them to the Kingdom of Christ. Conversions of the New Testament type would give us all a more vivid faith in the power of God over the heart, in the extent of the change which we call regeneration. Hence, the tendency would be to strengthen our faith, the faith of all worldly men in the doctrines of religion. As a matter of fact, men believe the truths of religion as they believe in the need, the fact, and the extent of regeneration. The doctrine of regeneration is, in one sense, the foundation doctrine of Theology. If men belive in the fact of regeneration, they will incline to hold other truths. We need therefore a revival which shall assert to the world that God is converting to Himself men and women whose changed lives can be explained only on the theory of the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit.

If we could once appreciate the tendency of our society away from Christ; if we could see how German unbelief; how formalism in some churches; how the germinant seeds of socialism and communism; how a corrupted political conscience; how the greed of gain and pleasure, work silently and perpetually to draw men away from Christ, we should feel that only the mighty working of God's Spirit in the church could set back the flood that is upon us. How varied are the nationalities, the interests, the tastes, the beliefs, of the conglomerate mass of humanity that composes our Commonwealth. Can we here preserve the Christian Sabbath? Can we secure and enforce wise legislation upon temperance? Can we shape the religious belief of society? In this immense Commonwealth, destined to be the home of millions, can we plant the standard of the Cross where it shall stand through the ages? Can we by the goodness of our lives win unbelievers to Christ? In this great emergency that is upon us, we can permeate society with an abiding faith in their need of Christ only as the Holy Spirit rests upon our churches with unusual power. Our New England churches would, in the beginning of this century, have been saved from the Unitarian defection if their spiritual state had been better. Various causes, of which I cannot speak, had combined to lower their spiritual life. These causes had, some of them, been working for a long time. The low spiritual life of the church, as well as incorrect statements upon certain theological doctrines, opened the way for the Unitarian heresy. We are not here in danger of defection from the faith. Thank God that we are not. But a revival of religion will shut the door against future heresies; will give us that confidence in the truth which is the source of power to churches and ministers; will give impenitent men a correct faith; and for an impenitent man there is no blessing, except conversion, more important than a correct faith.

III.

We need a revival which shall bring definitely before our minds our responsibility to evangelize society. One of the beloved secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M. suggested, two or three years ago, our need of a missionary revival—that is, of a revival which should make the church appreciate and meet its responsibility to send the Gospel to every creature. That suggestion struck a chord in all Christian hearts. Perhaps we can see some signs of a missionary revival in the church at large. Restrict now your thoughts to our own State; reflect how much money must be raised to build churches, to support the preaching of the Gospel, the Sabbath School, to provide for the diffusion of a sound literature; reflect how little of our wealth is in the hands of Christian men; recall how slow even Christian men are to part with their money at the call of Christ: the thought is forced upon us that Christian men must begin to give to the Lord's work as they have never given before. We cannot draw from New England as largely as heretofore. Strong New England churches have become weak through emigration. More and more New England money will be needed in New England. More and more Minnesota money must be raised in Minnesota. Before we get the money which our Home Missionary Society ought to raise in Minnesota, the Holy Spirit must open the hearts, and so the pockets, of the regenerate. To raise our churches up to the standards of giving which will be necessary, in order to convert our State to the religion of Christ, we must have a general revival of religion. How then does the subject widen and deepen when we think of our duties to the heathen. How easily would the money come for new churches, for the support of the Gospel and its ordinances, for the enlargement of our missionary work, if once the Holy Spirit brought Christians up to the New Testament idea of stewardship. It is too much to expect that there shall be a revival which shall impress upon the church the idea that property must be consecrated to Christ.

Notice a different phase of the thought. The obstacles to the advance of religion are so great, the social conditions are so peculiar among us, that society will be evangelized only when individual Christians appreciate their personal responsibility to the unconverted. Even in society composed of similar material, there is demand for Christian work. Our society is composed of dissimilar, discordant, material. Many men have no faith in the Bible or in Christ. Their sympathies are all hostile to the religion of Christ. To lead such men to Christ, to mould society as it here exists, there is required a consecration to Christian work, greater than was needed in New England in the last generation. We must feel that we owe a duty to skeptical men and women, to foreigners with whom we have few points of sympathy. If we save society, we must save the individuals who compose it; we must recommend our religion by our lives; we must be willing to work; we must practice self-denial; we must be prevalent in prayer; not only we, but all our churches, must receive that spiritual strength which comes only from God—which is commonly gained when the Holy Spirit comes to the community in the revival of religion.

The last half century has developed in the church the thought of our respon-

sibility to evangelize society. The church of fifty years ago did not appreciate this responsibility as we appreciate it. Continued baptisms of the Holy Spirit have given the regenerate a sense of their responsibility for the salvation of society. More Christian work is performed now than ever before. If we were transplanted into a New England church of a century ago we should not feel at home. Low as is our spiritual state, little as we do for the saving of souls, our condition would be better than that of the average church of that early time. God had something better for the churches of the year 1800 than they had then received. He has something better for *us* than we have received. His Spirit poured out upon our churches in this seat of a coming empire will help us to that consecration which shall enable us to mould the conflicting tendencies of the times, and cause them to subserve the purpose of Christ. It may be that as the church of a previous generation was taught to feel its responsibility to society in a measure not appreciated before, so God will give us a still higher sense of our duty in this same line, and shall develop the unused force of our churches, as much beyond its present working as the power of the church to-day has been developed beyond its power two generations ago.

But if there is any such blessing in store for us it will come, as it has always come, in those revivals of religion which break in upon men's preconceived ideas of propriety. The church has been brought forward; new ideas of responsibility have been spread through the church, as upon the Day of Pentecost; as in the revivals under the Wesleys and Whitfield, under the elder Edwards, when the Holy Spirit has descended with uncommon power. In order that we may appreciate how much God requires of us for the salvation of this State; in order that the great mass of our church membership shall appreciate it; we must be visited with a general, with an immediate outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

As we look at our spiritual horizon, are there any signs of refreshing showers? May we expect a general revival of God's work? An answer to this question is by no means easy. If there is in our hearts the right preparation, then we have some evidence that the blessing will come. Hence the question cannot be determined by general considerations. How far we feel the urgent need of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; how far we are willing to make sacrifices in the line of labor, of personal consecration; how far there is a general expectation of a revival, cannot be known except by Him who sees in secret. Certainly there are some signs of coming good. Some of our brethren are expecting a revival and are preparing for it. I am persuaded that if we could look into the hearts of the Lord's people, we should be encouraged to expect greater things of God.

One or two thoughts by way of suggestion. We need to deepen our feeling of our need of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I have pointed out some reasons why our need of a revival is imperative. Our beloved State has never enjoyed an extensive revival. Hence our piety lacks certain things which are best obtained through experience of revivals. If we have a profound feeling of our need, then we have one preparation for the blessing. The sense of our own helplessness before our spiritual foes; the sense of dependence upon the work of the Holy Spirit, is itself a prelude to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Again, let us not limit the blessing by the feebleness of our expectations. ur blessed Lord is saying to us, "According to your faith so be it unto you." t becomes us to cultivate faith in the power of God to subdue the stoutest hearts o himself; to breathe upon the dry bones and make them live; to baptize the iscordant, conflicting, unbelieving, infidel, worldly elements which here comose society, into the name of the Father. and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. 'eeling as I do, that the churches of our State must contribute to the solution of he problems before us if they are solved in the interests of Christ and humany; and that our churches are not yet sufficiently dominated by the Holy Spirit o conduct these problems to the true solution, I ponder anxiously whether we re so susceptible to heavenly influences, so believing, so largely expectant, that re can reasonably hope for a general revival.

And now, fathers and brethren, let us labor for a revival of religion after the lew Testament type. I dare not criticise the revivals of our day. I have nought that I detected some dangerous tendencies; and yet it is difficult to be are of the character of some of these tendencies. The thing to be gained is ncrease of the spiritual life of Christians. We cannot have the genuine reival; we cannot expect numerous conversions, unless the piety of our churches increased. Is it not a modern tendency—I speak hesitatingly—Is it not a nodern tendency to expect the conversion of the impenitent without the increase f piety in the church, without confession of sin, without a genuine humbling f themselves before God on the part of Christians. The superficial thought is nat the labors of the pastor, certainly of an evangelist accompanied by one of ne sweet singers of Israel, will result in conversions, whatever the spiritual state f the church. The masses of our churches do not understand that the the ondition of an extensive revival is the humbling of the whole church before od, the renewal of the purpose to serve God. Sometimes a church, a Chrisan, who do appreciate their need of preparation, imagine that they only need work. We forget this, perhaps as pastors we have not sufficiently taught it, -we need some experience of Divine grace in our own heart; we need present ommunion with Christ before we can work efficiently for Him. When our earts are full of love to Christ then we, like Peter, may feed the sheep. It is ncorrect to say that all that Christians need is to go to work for the Master. We eed a certain preparation of heart; we need to tarry in our closets until we are nbued with power from on high, before we can expect an abundant blessing. suppose that the preparationf for a revival is often superficial, outward, seen of ien, rather than inward, seen of our Heavenly Father. In our preparation for revival, let us take for our model that preparation which the first disciples had hen they waited on God, until the Holy Spirit descended first upon them, afterards upon the multitude.

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### OUR PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

*To Members and Congregations of the Congregational Churches:*

At the annual meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota, held at Lake City, October 10, 1872, the following plan was adopted and recommended to the churches for their benevolent contributions for the ensuing year:

The plan is based upon two general principles, viz:

1st. Christian giving is an act of worship, honoring the Lord with our substance.

2d. All Christian giving should be systematic, thoughtful and intelligent.

These principles are believed to be essential to all acceptable offering of our gifts to God; and it is because we feel that they have not been sufficiently recognized in our former methods, that the present plan is presented. The plan proposes a collection *every Sabbath morning;* the amount contributed ordinarily to be divided *pro rata* among the following causes, on the basis of their needs for the ensuing year.

FOR GENERAL CHRISTIAN WORK, IN WHICH ALL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES UNITE:

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| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, including missions to nominally Christian countries ($100,000) | $ 600,000 |
| Home Missionary Society | 500,000 |
| American Missionary Association | 500,000 |
| Congregation Union (Church Erection) | 250,000 |
| Ministerial Education | 100,000 |
| Congregational Publishing Society | 50,000 |
| | $2,000,000 |

On certain Sabbaths, however, the contributions will not be so appropriated, but will be devoted to the following

LOCAL OBJECTS:

To THE POOR—The offering at Communion in.....
To THE SABBATH SCHOOL—The offering of.....
To CARLETON COLLEGE—.....
To THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

[*The above spaces to be filled in with such dates as the individual Churches may determine for these special offerings; and such other local objects to be added as the Churches may desire.*]

After deducting the twelve Sabbaths set apart for local objects as above, there will remain forty Sabbaths on which offerings will be made for the general work of the church and apportioned as above stated; it being always remembered

(and special attention is called to this feature) that any contribution may be appropriated to *any* special object by attaching to it a slip of paper indicating the wish of the giver; and it is hoped that the utmost freedom will be exercised in this respect. No personal solicitation is to be used; and every one is free to give *as much or as little as he feels able;* only the Lord and the giver will know how much it is.

The following table will illustrate the working of the plan. By examining it any one can see how to adjust his weekly gifts, in order to make, in the aggregate, any given annual sum; and also how that annual sum will be apportioned, if not specially designated:

| Weekly Contributions for 40 Sabbaths. | Annual Aggregate. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | American Miss. Association. | Congregational Union | Ministerial Education. | Publishing Society. |
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| PROPORTIONS. | | 60/200 | 50/200 | 50/200 | 20/200 | 10/200 | 5/200 |
| $ 0 10 | $ 4 00 | $ 1 20 | $ 1 00 | $ 1 00 | $ 0 40 | $ 0 20 | $ 0 10 |
| 20 | 8 00 | 2 40 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 40 | 20 |
| 25 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 | 50 | 25 |
| 50 | 20 00 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | 50 |
| 1 00 | 40 00 | 12 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| 1 50 | 60 00 | 18 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 7 50 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| 2 00 | 80 00 | 24 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 50 | 100 00 | 30 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 12 50 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| 5 00 | 200 00 | 60 00 | 50 00 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 5 00 |
| 10 00 | 400 00 | 120 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | 50 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 |

The plan finds its method in the apostolic injunction, that upon the first day of the week every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Its success will depend wholly upon the spirit and thoroughness with which it is carried out. In the belief that the churches will enter upon it with spirit and support it with regularity, and that the results will surprise all, it is recommended.

The Deacons are the proper committee to receive the collections and apportion them among the different objects.

By recommendation of the Conference.

H. A. STIMSON,
EDWARD BROWN,
THEODORE FURBER,
Committee of Conference.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1, 1872.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

*To the Members of the Conference :*

BRETHREN : Your committee in making their annual report venture to ask your particular attention to some facts which will probably be new to most of you, and which are as emphatic in indicating the line of duty as they are explicit in setting forth our present condition.

Accurate returns in the matter of Systematic Beneficence have been made to the Conference for only the five years just passed. These we have carefully collated with the purpose of discovering what instructions they give of the direction of our growth, and what lessons they suggest of immediate application.

You all are aware that there are six great missionary societies which the Congregational churches have from time to time called into being to do their united work, viz : The American Board for Foreign Missions, The Home Missionary Society, The American Missionary Association, especially for work at the South, The Congregational Union for Church Erection, The Publishing Society, and the Society for Ministerial and College Education.

To these six societies our churches have contributed in the years from 1874 to 1878, inclusive, in the aggregate yearly as follows : $4,545, $4,632, $4,984, $6,222, $7,631.

At the first showing this would seem a satisfactory record, being an increase from $4,545 in 1874 to $7,631 in 1878, or 67½ per cent. But a further examination develops some facts of more serious moment. It appears that while the amount given has increased thus handsomely, the number of churches contributing has not increased correspondingly, but has in some cases actually diminished. Let it be borne in mind that during these five years the number of our churches in the State advanced from 86 to 123—an increase of nearly one-half, and then consider the following exhibit :

In 1874, 30 churches made contributions to the American Board ; in 1875, 30 ; in 1876, 40 ; in 1877, 35 ; in 1878, 37 ; a gain of only seven churches, while the number of the churches increased 37. For the same years the churches contributing to the Congregational Union were 17, 27, 24, 24 and 27, i. e. no more contributed in 1878 than did in 1875, while the churches grew from 95 to 123. For the Education Society there were 9. 14, 14, 9, 6, i. e. only two-thirds as many churches gave last year as gave in 1874, and only three-sevenths as many as in 1875, with one-half more churches now than in 1874, and one-third more than in 1875. For the Publishing Society the numbers are 10, 12, 8, 7, 6, a falling off of nearly one-half the number of givers in five years. A short calculation would show us the end quickly approaching here. For the American Missionary Association we have 16, 25, 25, 29, 33, as the series of contributing churches, a somewhat better showing. For the Home Missionary Society, 51, 55, 75, 73, 74, still

better; though even here one church less contributes in 1878 than in 1876, though 15 were added to the rolls. But here another fact appears. Nearly or quite every church in the Conference is under special and solemn pledge to make an annual contribution to the Home Missionary Society in acknowledgment of aid received, and we have in fact only 74 out of 123 churches recognizing this obligation. Setting aside for the moment the Home Missionary Society in regard to which there is this special obligation, let us see how many of the churches are recognizing the existence of any other claim upon their support. In 1874 only 34 churches out of 86 then on our rolls gave to any other society than the Home Missionary. In 1875, only 41 in 95; in 1876, 44 in 108; in 1877, 42 in 114; in 1878, 45 in 123. Thus the number contributing to any of our societies other than for Home Missions increased from 1875 to 1878 only from 41 to 45, i. e. four, while the number of churches increased 28.

In 1872 a plan of systematic giving was, after a long and thorough discussion, adopted by the Conference, for the purpose of securing a recognition of the obligation of the churches to co-operate in maintaining our six great benevolent societies; of putting their claims in their proper proportionate relations; and of securing annually, as far as possible, some contribution for each of them from every church in the State. Let us look again at the record.

In 1874 eight churches contributed to all the societies, viz: Austin, Excelsior, Hamilton, Plymouth of Minneapolis, Northfield, St. Paul, Waseca, and Winona. Of these Austin, Plymouth of Minneapolis, Northfield, and Winona, four, and four only in a Conference of 123 churches, have contributed to all the societies each year for the past five years. Excelsior continued for 1875 and '76, gave nothing in 1877 and made no report for 1878. Hamilton continued for 1875, gave to five societies in 1876, and to four only 1877 and '78. Waseca gave to all in 1875, to none in 1876, and to four in 1877 and '78. St. Paul dropped to four in 1875 and '77, to three in 1876, and to two only last year. Duluth and Medford gave to all in 1875, the former to continue for only one year and then disappear from the list altogether; the latter to give to two societies only in 1876, and to four in 1877 and '78. Spring Valley began to give to all in 1877, and continued in 1878—the only church to be added to the list of those contributing to all the societies since 1875.

Beyond these there were in 1874 only five churches contributing to any four of the societies; in 1875 there were 8; in 1876, 12; in 1877, 12; in 1878, 14. Taking both lists together, only 22 out of 123 churches in the Conference contributed to any four of the six societies.

It is safe to assert that no state of facts regarding the churches will be adduced during the Conference, that is of such serious moment as this.

Much is said about the work laid in the providence of God upon the Congregational churches, and here is a practical ignoring of the agencies by which alone that work can be done by more than 100 out of a total of 123 churches. Much is said of the worth and the need of close fellowship among the Congregational churches, and in this, the only relation in which that fellowship can be shown in some other way than by mere words, we are doing next to nothing.

It cannot be charged to poverty, for we are discussing not the amount given but the giving of anything, even the widow's mite, that would be a recognition of the existence of an honored obligation, or the cherishing of a valued privilege.

"The poorest poor," says Wordsworth,

> Long for some moments in a weary life
> When they can know and feel that they have been,
> Themselves, the fathers and the dealers out
> Of some small blessings; have been kind to such
> As needed kindness"—

and "if any provide not not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, says the Apostle, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel!"

And here are the Congregational churches of Minnesota turning their backs upon the societies which are to them at once parents and children, and leaving the organizations which represent all the part we have in God's great work of evangelizing the world, to say nothing of its being also all the part we can have in nourishing the faith and polity dear to ourselves, to exist as they may. We venture to say that a parallel case does not exist among the churches of any other denomination in any State in the Union.

We report that it is not because of poverty. What is to be said when such churches as Princeton, Winnebago, Medford, Mankato, Hamilton, Afton and Morris, so far recognize the privileges of Congregational fellowship as to contribute to at least four of our six societies, and such as Anoka, Excelsior, Brainerd, Dodge Center, Cannon Falls, St. Charles and Wabasha, gave nothing to any of them, and such as Rochester, Clearwater and St. Paul, gave only to two. Yet these are the returns of last year. Owatonna, for example, contributed to three societies an aggregate of $92, and the next name on the roll of the Conference is its neighbor East Prairieville, which also gave to three societies $49.63—a little more than half as much. The one church has 143 members, and reports $2,400 as spent upon itself during the year; the other has only 31 members and appropriated but $80 for its own church expenses.

Sleepy Eye, with 30 members, and spending but $250 for itself, contributes to three societies $24.75; and St Paul, with 311 members, and spending $3,529 upon itself, contributes to two societies $145. Morris, with 29 members and $325 to spend upon itself, gives to four societies $17; and Rochester, with 147 members and $2,755 as the measure of its church expenses, gives to two societies only $120.

But it may be pleaded by some that churches that do not divide their gifts among all or many of the societies, give in the aggregate quite as much to those to which they do contribute. Is it so? Will the facts bear them out? On the contrary, it appears from the records before us that there is a close connection between the number of societies contributed to and the total amount given by any one church. Those churches which have the broadest views of the work to be done are they whose gifts are the largest. The five churches, for example, which last year were the only ones to give to all the societies, while having a total membership of 1,199, or less than one-fifth of the membership of the Con-

ference, gave $3,923, or more than one-half of the entire contribution of the State.

It is easy to show that this connection is not apparent only, but real, by following the history of any one church. Medford, with 34 members, gave to all the societies in 1875, $46; in 1876, with 38 members, she gave to only two societies but $16; in 1878, with 54 members, to four societies $34.

St. Paul's report reads as follows:

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| 1874, | 193 | members | contributing | to 6 | societies..... | $369 |
| 1875, | 219 | " | " | " 4 | " ..... | 329 |
| 1876, | 295 | " | " | " 3 | " ..... | 249 |
| 1877, | 262 | " | " | " 3 | " ..... | 395 |
| 1878, | 311 | " | " | " 2 | " ..... | 145* |

i. e. in five years her membership grew from 193 to 311. She contracted her benevolence from six causes to two, and the total of contributions shrank from $369 to $145.

On the other hand, Spring Valley in 1876 gave to only two societies $88; the next year she extended her interest to all the societies, and her contributions rose to $175. Last year they reached on the same plan $295—three and one-half times the amount of two years before, on a membership that grew only from 104 to 123. Furthermore, the churches that give systematically to all the societies show a steady growth in the amount of their contributions. It may therefore be regarded as proven to a demonstration that upon inducing our churches to take up the support of all our societies, and doing it regularly and upon a fixed plan, giving at least something to each of them every year, depends the entire beneficence of the State.

Set church for a moment over against church, and you will allow such comparisons for the sake of provoking one another to good works. What reason is there why Faribault, with 224 members, should seem to be doing well by giving in the aggregate $407, while Northfield, with 279 members, gives $689? What reason why Owatonna, with 143 members, should give $92, and Spring Valley, with 123 members, $295, and Austin, with 172 members, $272? What reason that St. Paul, with 311 members, should give $145, and Winona, with only 232 members, $975? These differences cannot be in the accidental circumstances of the churches; they extend in the main from year to year; they lie rather in the methods adopted.

The question, brethren, is not one of relative ability. Rather it is of intelligent understanding of the work to be done, of broad sympathies, of wise and provident thoughtfulness, and of system. The churches, we must believe, do not understand the situation or they would not be thus content to drop out of line in the work of our denomination, and to have so small a part in God's broader work in the world. The responsibility rests upon you pastors and offi-

*NOTE.—It is due to the church at St. Paul to say that their report on the Minutes for last year now appears to have been incomplete. They somehow failed to make returns of some of their contributions. It is their present plan to contribute annually to all the societies.

cers of the churches to take the matter in hand, to instruct the people as to what, as a denomination, we are doing through our missionary societies, and what their privileges and duties are with reference to them, and then to provide some plan by which they can give what they have to give regularly, and with true understanding.

If the Conference plan of giving to all the societies at every Sabbath morning service and dividing the amount pro rata, according to their several needs, does not meet your approval adopt some other; only have a plan in your church and keep your people in constant union with our benevolent work. Unless our churches are thus brought into active co-operation, our denomination, with all we cherish in it, of pure faith, of honored history, of free polity, of large hopes, must retire from the front and give place to others whose giving is in closer correspondence to their enthusiasm. And unless your own church does take up this work, you must expect to see it wither in selfishness, grow cold in zeal, and have no part in the blessed fellowship that unites us as laborers together in the Lord's vineyard. Your committee therefore venture to press this matter upon your attention with all the earnestness which the gravity of the situation seems to demand.

H. A. STIMSON,
C. A. CONANT,
D. C. BELL,

MINNEAPOLIS, October 8, 1879.

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## (F.)

### CARLETON COLLEGE.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The last academic year, which closed in June, was a year of marked blessings and progress. Although, owing to the partial failure of the wheat crop in 1878, the aggregate number of students was less than during the preceding year, there was an increase in the collegiate department, and an advance in the character of the work done. The students represented seven States, eight religious denominations, and eleven nationalities.

Notwithstanding the severe grip of hard times, the year was prosperous financially. In addition to the income from ordinary sources, a bequest of three thousand dollars was received in April, from the estate of Mrs. Lydia M. Jewett, of Newton, Mass. This enabled the Board to meet the expenses incurred by the special enlargement of its educational advantages, and to close the year, as has been done uniformly for nine years past, with a balance in the treasury.

The great material advance of the year consists in the completion and equipment of an Astronomical Observatory, which in most of its appointments, is second to none in the whole West. Its instruments are the most complete and perfect of their kind—although in size and power its telescope is surpassed by two or three others. For nearly a year daily time-signals have been sent to the principal cities of the State, and to many points beyond the State line, thus giving the standard time not only to the different railroad companies, but also to the people of an immense area. This, more than anything else, has called the favorable attention of the general public to the College.

To the library a very valuable addition has just been made. Several hundred volumes of choice works in science, philosophy, history and general literature, have been donated by a gentleman of wide reading and culture, who does not permit the publication of his name. The selection includes the complete works of Carlyle, Ruskin, De Quincy, Dickens, Coleridge, Humboldt, Mills, Macauley, Gibbon, Burke and many others, and such rare books as the Koran, and writings of Confucius and Mencius, and some never published in this country. It is a gift not only greatly needed, but most highly appreciated.

For illustrating studies in art and architecture, a large number of valuable photographs have been procured in different parts of Europe by our Preceptress, who is thus enabled to make those branches especially attractive and profitable.

Religiously the last year has been the most marked in the history of the College, some twenty-five hopeful conversions having occurred. Among subjects of this religious interest are some students of rare ability and promise, of whom earnest service in the future may be confidently expected. It is with devout gratitude that we recognize the fact that no year has passed without witnessing the special presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The new year has opened most auspiciously. Additions greatly needed have been made to the Faculty, which now consists of eleven Professors and teachers, who devote all their time to the interests of the institution.

Rev. George Huntingdon, for nine years pastor at Oak Park, Ill., has entered with enthusiasm upon the duties of the department of Logic, Rhetoric and Elocution. The chair of Physical Science has been divided, and Dr. Sperry, who devotes a portion of his time to lecturing in the State, is assigned to the chair of Geology, Zoology and Physiology, while Prof. Thomas B. Smith, from Pritchett Scientific institute, teaches Physics and Chemistry. An additional teacher, Mrs. Mary R. Wilcox, has been employed in the English course.

Nearly two hundred students—a larger number than ever before—are now in attendance, filling the largest room in the college buildings, and forcibly reminding us that the immediate needs of the college relate to enlargement, and the importance of this can hardly be over estimated. Additional buildings (a library and chapel, a scientific hall, but especially a new ladies' hall), more chemical and philosophical apparatus, and a larger library, are among our pressing necessities. Our needs are great because our opportunities are great. Carleton College holds one of the stragetic points of the West. As an institution doing, upon a distinctly religious and evangelical basis, regular college work, it stands alone in this great State, whose population is increasing with wonderful rapidity.

The field of the college practically embraces not only this State but also the wide domain of Dakotah and the Red River Valley of the North. If, in this empire, moral and religious influences are to keep pace with material development, there must be constant and intense activity. Just those principles of religion and education which have made New England what she is, are needed here. In the work of christian civilization nothing can possibly take the place of institutions of higher education which are broadly and earnestly christian. Carleton College can never forget that her foundations were laid with the clear and definite purpose that she should become such an institution. She was baptized in prayer, and solemnly consecrated to educational work to be carried on the spirit of the Gospel. Upon no other basis does she ask or expect the support of the churches of this Conference. But in view of her past—a record of which is soon to be given to you—in view of the special blessing of God, both providential and spiritual, which has so constantly attended her, she does most earnestly and confidently appeal to them for their prayers, their sympathy, their confidence, and, not to mention financial gifts, their sons and daughters. With all these, Carleton College will prosper in the future as she has prospered in the past, and more and more manifestly will become an instrument in God's hand for hastening the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. STRONG,
President.

NORTHFIELD, MINN., October 8, 1879.

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### RESOLUTIONS.

#### A. B. C. F. M.

*Resolved*, That the still extending work of the American Board, the special promise investing certain long occupied fields, and the indications of great religious changes through the missionaries and schools of this society, call for the gratitude of all who look for the success of the Lord's Kingdom, and for yet more generous giving to this great cause.

#### A. M. A.

*Resolved*, That the successful removal of its great debt by the American Missionary Association, and the endowments received for its prominent schools in the South, should fill all friends of this organization with thankfulness, and stimulate our churches to do more than ever for this cause, so that the work in hand may keep apace with the opening opportunities before it.

A. H. M. S.

*Resolved*, That our home missionary work should, because of its promise and growth, be pushed forward by greater self-sacrifice in giving; the new men in the field, the signal devotion of our corps of missionaries, the increasing points requiring to be occupied, all indicate that the work of home evangelization is becoming of momentous consequence, and should be pressed with greater earnestness than ever before; and that givers should watch the heroism and self-denying spirit of those called to bear the burdens of service in the field.

AM. CONG. UNION.

*Resolved*, That we do affectionately but earnestly admonish all our churches who have been aided by the Congregational Union, and who consequently pledged an annual contribution to its treasury, that not only benevolence but honor requires them to fulfil their pledges, and that its work is so intimately connected with the progress of Home Missions and the development of self-supporting churches, that it should receive from each of these a yearly contribution.

TEMPERANCE.

*Resolved*, That we commend to the support and personal interest of our churches and Sabbath Schools and their officers, the Minn. S. S. Temp. League; the promise of the work, the importance of laboring most earnestly for the young, the success which has followed the efforts made thus far, should make its appeal to all friends of temperance and secure for it a place in all the Sabbath Schools in our State.

WESTERN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

*Resolved*, That the Bethel work in our State, under the auspices of this society, is appreciated and endorsed, and that we recommend their agent and missionary, Mr. Robert Smith, to our churches for sympathy and aid in his work.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

Cyrus Stone, born in Harwich, Mass., June 2, 1846; first united with the Congregational church in Melrose, Mass., in July, 1858; graduated at Williams College, in 1872; and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1876; licensed to preach by the Essex North Association, at Haverhill, Mass., June 8, 1875; preached at Dexter and Grand Meadow summer of 1875, and part of the year 1877-8; left on account of health, having been married January 1, 1878, to Miss Welthea Hanson Niles, of Pownal, Wis., at Austin, Minn. He was struck by lightning and killed instantly, at about half-past nine p. m., July 1, 1879. He

was a sincere and earnest christian; faithful to every trust; earnestly desirous to save souls and extend the Kingdom of Christ. Failing health compelled his abandonment of the work of the ministry for a season; during which he was suddenly called to render his account.

Rev. Sherman Hall was born in Weathersfield, Vt., April 30, 1800; first united with the Congregational church at Weathersfield Center, in May, 1821; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1828, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1831. April 26, 1831, he was licensed to preach by the Suffolk North Association, in Boston; ordained as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., at Woburn, Mass, in June, 1831. He was Missionary to the Chippewa Indians from 1831 to 1854, residing, for the most part, at La Pointe, on Lake Superior. From 1854 to the day of his death he was the loved and honored pastor of the Congregational church, which he gathered at Sauk Rapids. June 10, 1831, he was married to Miss Betsey Parker, of Weathersfield, Vt., at Cambridgeport, Mass.; who, with three children survives the good man to whom she has been a most faithful co-laborer in the service of Christ. As a mark of confidence, Benton county elected "Father Hall," some three years since, Judge of Probate and County Superintendent of Schools, both of which offices he filled with credit and satisfaction. Losing his home, library, sermons, and most of his goods by fire, several years since, he rebuilt his home with the careful savings of his small salary, and went for his sermons each week to the flowing fountain of truth, continuing to preach till within one Sabbath of his death, September 30, 1879, which was occasioned by being thrown from his carriage. So far as known, he had not an enemy. His memory is embalmed in the recollection of many friends. Missionary work among the Chippewas, for whom he translated the New Testament, still in use, and Congregationalism in Minnesota owe a debt to him and his compeers, which we can in no way repay so satisfactorily as by renewed devotion to the great work from which our beloved brother has been suddenly taken.

L. H. C.

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### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Sixty-one missionaries, fourteen of them new men, have been in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, in Minnesota, within the Conference year. Forty-nine are now on the field. Eighty-seven churches, besides sixty-one out stations, one hundred and forty-eight in all, are now supplied by these forty-nine men, at a cost to the Society of $10,000, plus what is raised in the State.

COME TO SELF-SUPPORT.

AFTON, LAKELAND, HANCOCK, MINNEAPOLIS Pilgrim, and MONTICELLO, have ceased to receive aid for the support of preaching. The first two, AFTON and LAKELAND, having been faithfully served by Bro. Loveridge nine months, called Rev. George Hood from White Lake, N. Y., and pay his salary. He began work June 1. HANCOCK reluctantly gives up Bro. Fonda, whose whole time is needed at Morris, and looks for another man. MONTICELLO calls Rev. A. K. FOX, a former pastor, proposes to raise his salary, and he is expected soon.

NEW CHURCHES.

Freedom, organized November 12, 1878, 12 members.
Granger, organized November 17, 1878, 12 members.
Lakeview, organized February 5, 1879, 10 members.
Alden, organized March 12, 1879, 14 members.
Sherburne, organized March 15, 1879, 11 members.
Waterville, organized March 23, 1879, 15 members.
Cokato, organized March 27, 1879, 12 members.
Ortonville, organized September 7, 1879, 11 members.
Gordon, organized September 7, 1879, 9 members.
Perham, organized September 11, 1879, 8 members.
Clifton, organized September 24, 1879, 12 members.
East Mapleton, organized October 5, 1879, 7 members.
Appleton, organized October 16, 1879, 19 members.

Thirteen churches, with an aggregate of 152 members; besides one of 122 members, organized at Winnepeg, Manitoba, August 27, 1879, outside of State and National limits; and High Forest, organized April 21, 1860. dropped October, 1873, revived April 21, 1879, with a fair prospect of life and growth.

GAINS AND LOSSES.

Reports from 72 of the 87 missionary churches show 155 added on profession of faith; 185 by letter; 370 in all. Deducting 155 removed, the net gain is 215. The following churches report no additions by profession: Amiret, Baldwin, Benson, Brainerd, Brownsdale, Burns, Detroit, Fergus Falls, Hawley, Hutchinson, Lac qui Parle, Lake Park, Lenora, Maine, Marshfield, McPherson, Medford, Montevideo, Park, Princeton, Rose Creek, Round Grove, Rushford, Sauk Center, Sleepy Eye, South Bend, Tracy Union, Custer Bethel, Wadena, Yucatan. The he following none by letter: Albert Lea, Amiret, Baldwin, Benson, Brainerd, Burns, Goshen, Detroit, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Hancock, Havelock, Hawley, Lac qui Parle, Lake Park, Lamberton, Lenora, Maine, Marshfield, Medford, Osakis, Providence, Granger, Rose Creek, Sauk Center, Tracy, Custer, Two Rivers, Yucatan. None by letter or profession: Amiret, Benson, Burns, Detroit, Fergus Falls, Hawley, Lac qui Parle, Lake Park, Lenora, Maine, Marshfield, Medford, Rose Creek, Sauk Center, Tracy, Custer, Yucatan.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

During the year ending March 31, 1879, the receipts of the A. H. M. S. from Minnesota, were, for Sabbath School work, $55.53; for the general work, $3,931.49; legacies, $200; total, $4,167.02, against $3,852, the previous year. Appropriations for the field, by the Society, the same as last year: $10,000, plus what we raise; $112 25 have been granted to aid in Sabbath School work. During our Conference year (September 1, 1878, to August 31, 1879,) churches and individuals contributed $183.77 for the Sabbath School work; $4,479.80 for the general work; in all, $4,663.57—an advance of $627.57 over the last year. This is due to three things: 1. The growing interest of our friends in this work, and consequently increased contributions; 2. To the special effort in January to pay the debt; 3. To the adoption of the "one-cent-a-week plan," by our missionary churches. During the five months of the current year, from April 1st to August 31st, the contributions from the State to the Sabbath School work of the Society, have been $155.65; to the general work, $1,167.29, as against $670.14 contributed in the same months last year—a gain of $497.15 in five months. Our ability to aid the churches yet to make application, depends on the enlarged benevolence of the churches to the treasury.

### CHURCHES NOT WORKED.

Glenwood, Mountain Lake, Guilford, Granville, and Grand Meadow.
☞Conference voted to drop Granville and Guilford from the roll.

### NEW MEN.

1. Beard, Reuben A., Brainerd.
2. Corey, Isaac L., Sauk Center and West Union.
3. Crane, Edward P., High Forest and Stewartsville.
4. Davis, Charles H., Granite Falls.
5. Gilmor, Daniel W., Warren and St. Vincent.
6. Goodsell, Dennis, Montevideo, Havelock and Lac qui Parle.
7. Hanna, Charles W., Worthington.
8. Henderson, David, Princeton and Baldwin.
9. Holden, George, Lamberton and Burns.
10. Loba, Victor E., Sleepy Eye, Iberia and Lone Tree.
11. Renshaw, James B., Hutchinson and Preston Lake.
12. Slater, Charles, Lu Verne and Clinton.
13. Smith, Oscar M., Hawley, Muskoda and Park.
14. Zercher, Henry J., Audubon, Detroit and Lakeview.

### CHANGED FIELDS

Rev. R. C. Loveridge, from Afton to Paynesville and Union Grove.
Rev. M. M. Tracy, from Detroit, etc., to Duluth.

Rev. O. M. Smith, from Breckenridge to Hawley, etc.
Rev. W. A. Cutler, from Monticello to Fairmont.
Rev. C. A. Ruddock, from Granite Falls to Appleton and Benson.
Rev. William Wilson, from Hutchinson, etc., to Marshfield, etc.
Rev. F. N. Walcott, from Marine to Osakis.
Rev. C. W. Merrill, from Spring Valley to Waseca.
Rev. William Denley, from Fairmont to Wadena.
Rev. H. C. Simmons, from Marshall, etc., to Walnut Station.
Rev. L. H. Moses, from Walnut Station, etc., to Rose Creek.
Rev. H. B. Tuttle, from Worthington to St. Charles.

LEFT H. M. WORK.

Loveridge, Ingalls, Simpson and Champlin, on account of health; Chalers, Hood, Loring, Tuttle, for self-supporting churches; Carl and Wilkinson, or the farm.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

Rev. R. S. Armstrong, ins. at Freedom, Nov. 12, 1878.
Jacob S. Hull, ord. and ins. at Dassel, Dec. 12, 1878.
Henry J. Zercher, ord. at Hartford, Ct., May 9, 1879.
Victor E. Loba, ord. at Sleepy Eye, June 13, 1879.
Reuben A. Beard, ord. and ins. at Brainerd, Sept. 10, 1879.
Isaac L. Corey, ord. and ins. at Sauk Center, Sept. 16, 1879.
James B. Renshaw, ord. and ins. at Hutchinson, Sept. 30, 1879.

DISMISSED.

Rev. O. P. Champlin, from Sleepy Eye, June 12, 1879.
Rev. H. C. Simmons, from Marshall, Sept. 23, 1879.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Dodge Center, Marshall, Morristown and Sherburne, have completed houses f worship. Dassel, Morris and Two Rivers are building. Appleton, Montevideo nd Ortonville have lots secured on which they propose to build next season.

PARSONAGES.

Hawley is building a parsonage. More difficulty has grown out of lack of laces for men to live in than any other one thing. One brother left his field for ant of a place in which to stay or means to buy or build.

REVIVALS.

Special services, with a view to spiritual awakening, have been held with ie churches in Albert Lea, Detroit, Granite Falls, Walnut Station, Hartland,

Osakis and Dassel. Results were encouraging, with a large addition to our spiritual strength and numbers. Campaigns ought to be arranged to cover the entire field with evangelistic work by pastors and other available and reliable helpers. Several of our weaker churches could easily be brought to self-support and scores of souls saved. The society is urged to consider this matter and inaugurate a plan.

### OUT WORK DONE.

The Superintendent has traveled 14,709 miles, given addresses and sermons to the number of 202, written about 3,000 letters and postals, besides articles for the press.

The Board of Directors have held twelve meetings with the Superintendent spending from two to four hours at each meeting in looking over the work, and advising at every point in reference to men and money. The service rendered is beyond estimate.

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## FIELD NOTES.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ALEXANDRIA has had a prosperous year under Bro. Dowd. They have disposed of their church debt, and put their finances on a business basis. ANOKA gains gradually under the leadership of Bro. Cross, but finds itself embarrassed financially. Sabbath services, Sabbath School and prayer-meeting are in good condition. BALDWIN and PRINCETON were vacant from November to April, at which time Rev. David Henderson, from Philadelphia, took the work. Though scattered and discouraged, the people have rallied, pledged half the salary, and declare there are "few men in the State the equal of their minister." BELLE PRAIRIE and LITTLE FALLS have begun on their fifth year with Bro. Rosenkrans, whose abundant labors have been rewarded with compensating spiritual results. CLEARWATER takes a front rank in the matter of Sabbath School benevolence, and a Young Peoples' Missionary Society, from which spiritual good is sure to result.

DASSEL has nearly trebled its charter membership of 12 in eighteen months, built a neat house of worship; taken to herself a church partner of 12 members organized after ten o'clock P. M. on the 27th day of March, 1879, at COKATO, the candidates, led by Pastor Hull, welcoming the delayed council with the encouraging air, "Reinforcements Now Appearing." GLENCOE and ROUND GROVE, now three years in charge of Bro. Chandler, report sustained interest and steady growth, despite slim crops of wheat amid rank growths of skepticism. HUTCHINSON and PRESTON LAKE allowed Bro. Wilson to close two years of faithful and acceptable service, in April, that he might go to the front. July 6th the

ork was taken up by J. B. Renshaw, a graduate of the last class at Oberlin, ho was ordained and installed September 30th, and has his work well in hand. ONTICELLO, served by Rev. W. A. Cutler till March 1, is now waiting the re- rn of a former pastor, A. K. Fox, meanwhile distinguished divines dispense e word by proxy through Bro. J. R. Longfellow, a "lay reader." Bro. Fox is xpected soon. OSAKIS, having waited a year after organization, and having ithstood a determined onset from sectarian zeal, found the man they had been aiting for in Bro. Walcott, under whom the church has doubled, and the one nion church he first took has grown into four by taking on Gordon, West Union nd Eastern, at the first of which a church has already been organized with omise of success. The brother's chief difficulty lies in finding out how to be n five places at once. PAYNESVILLE and UNION GROVE were served till April by Bro. Wilkinson, when the care of the parish and the farm were found to e incompatible, and Bro. Loveridge took the work for six months. By special tudy he was hoping to be ordained. His health had proved inadequate, and he council called to ordain him, July 9, were under the painful necessity of de- lining ordination. The brother has returned to his former home in West Vir- inia, and the field is likely to be vacant until we can find a man with means to uild a parsonage. SAUK CENTER joined for the purposes of worship with the Baptists, our people furnishing the house and theirs the minister, till July 9, hen Bro. Isaac L. Corey, of the last class in Oberlin Theological Seminary, took he place which the people had held a year for him, and was ordained and in- talled Sept. 16, ult. TWO RIVERS, now on its fifth year with Bro. Kinne as astor, has nearly doubled its charter membership, notwithstanding the with- rawal of eleven to join another church. Two houses of worship are in process f erection on the field, with fair prospects of completion.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

AUDUBON and DETROIT were served by Bro. Tracy to the close of his year n May, during which he had worked up a church of ten members at LAKEVIEW, hich was organized Feb. 5; traveled 2,500 miles on foot; met nearly every ap- ointment, notwithstanding the great sorrow he was called to pass through in he loss of his wife, and the consequent necessity of sending his children to riends East. A strong petition was sent us for his continuance on the field. He owever accepted a call to Duluth, where he began work Sept. 1—that church eing faithfully served for a year by Bro. E. C. Ingalls, who left on account of ealth August 10. Rev. Henry J. Zercher, of the last class at Hartford Theo- ogical Seminary, took the work on the Detroit field under hopeful auspices. BRAINERD, after the retirement of Bro. Conant, was faithfully and effectively erved by Bro. Simpson for four months, at the end of which time failure of ealth compelled him to suspend work entirely. Bro. Reuben A. Beard, of the ast class in Oberlin Seminary, spent a Sabbath with them in March, received nd accepted a unanimous call, to begin work at the close of his Seminary course. The church meantime was most acceptably served by Mr. A. A. Robertson, of Oberlin. Bro. Beard was ordained and installed over the church September 10.

BRECKENRIDGE, having been several months without, Nov. 9, 1878, invited Bro. O. M. Smith, formerly of Monticello, to supply for one year. Though no settled boarding place could be found on the field, he remained some eight months, and then closed his work for the reason that he could find no place to live. July 11 he began work at HAWLEY, PARK and MUSKODA, the two former having been supplied by Bro. Kribs, and the latter by Bro. Pelton. FERGUS FALLS, Sept. 29, 1878, called Rev. J. E. Higgins, who has done good service under discouragements, which we hope are disappearing as the town comes out of the wilderness, into communication with the outside world by railroad. A good prospect encourages the work on that field. LAKE PARK and SCAMBLER, the second year in charge of Bro. Johnson, with Pelican Rapids and the Colby settlement as out stations, have given the missionary abundant labor and proofs of substantial growth. LAKE PARK has lost in population so as to weaken the demand for work at that point. The field as a whole is in flourishing condition. MAINE and ST. OLAF, still under the care of Bro. Cheeseman, report prosperity in every department of work. It is a hard field to work, its two churches being twenty-five miles apart. As the country fills up it will make two good fields. WADENA, in care of Bro. Tracy, the first part of the year, March 20, called Bro. Denley for six months, whose work covered Verndale, Bluffton and PERHAM, at which last point a church of 12 was organized Sept. 11. The field is large enough for at least two men.

### OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ALBERT LEA has enjoyed the untiring toil of Bro. Chalmers, whose watch for growth outwardly, as well as in the home church, in March saw a good point at Alden, 12 miles west, and has worked up a church of 14 members, to which, three Sabbaths a month he has preached, beside the two services at home, riding 24 miles to accomplish the work; the fourth Sabbath at Freeman six miles south. It is not strange, though deeply to our regret, and that of his people, that he accepts a call to Sioux City, at a salary of $1,200, and only one church to care for. BELGRADE, PROVIDENCE, BUTTERNUT VALLEY and GOSHEN, have kept Bro. Jones busy during his year just closed. Results of labor not large numerically. Both parts of the field desire to entertain the missionary; but the call for a division is so loud, that it has seemed best to give Belgrade and Providence alone to Bro. Jones and send a new man to the other two churches. BERLIN, FREEBORN and HARTLAND were under Bro. Fisk's care till May 1, when BERLIN was dropped to be yoked with Lemond and New Richland. Pecuniary reasons have delayed our sending a man to them. Bro. Fisk finds all he can do at Freeborn and Hartland. The year has been one of growth. A good work of grace at Hartland, in which the missionary was aided by Bro. Chalmers, resulted in additions of strength and numbers to the church. BROWNSDALE and LANSING have been most faithfully and successfully served by Bro. Rounce, now on his second year on that work. CHAIN LAKE CENTER, WESTFORD, and the new church organized with 11 members at Sherburne, March 15, have given Bro. Eells as much as one ought to do. He has, however, supplied one or two othe

points. The field, in benevolent work especially, has ranked with our best churches.

CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER move on toward self-support, even though the latter church has taxed itself and everybody Bro. Drake could reach in building its new church. We know of no case in which push and energy have gone on from so small beginning to a better conclusion than in this case. FAIRMONT, having been served six months by Bro. Denley, March 1 called Rev. W. A. Cutler from Monticello. Reports are encouraging, audiences and Sabbath School good, and the outlook hopeful. GRAND MEADOW was so crippled by loss of crops in 1878 that it has seen no way to open work during the year. LU VERNE and CLINTON, whose missionary, Rev. J. A. Palmer, sadly failed them in December last, lay idle till May 1, and was then taken in charge by Rev. Chas. Slater, from Illinois. His reports of work are encouraging. Financial prospects are cut off by another loss of crops, the yield, in some instances, being only *one-half bushel to the acre!* This field includes Rock Rapids, Ia. MEDFORD has had a year of grace with Bro. Graves, notwithstanding his severe railroad accident by which he was laid aside from active work some weeks. MORRISTOWN, and the church of 15 organized at WATERVILLE, have been in charge of Bro. Sutherland, who is now on his second year. Morristown dedicated its new house the 30th ult., and Waterville looks hopefully forward to a similar occasion. NEVADA and ROSE CREEK are still under the care of Bro. Morse. He proposes to retire at the close of the year, which ends Nov. 1. The work has been crippled by loss of crops. Cold and heat have been no bar to the faithful toil of the missionary. WASECA, under the care of Bro. Loring till Dec. 31, was vacant till taken by Bro. Merrill, of Spring Valley, July 1. Reports are cheering. The only difficulty anticipated is room for hearers. MCPHERSON, now yoked with the church in FREEDOM, which was organized Nov. 12, 1878, with twelve members, and the church in EAST MAPLETON, organized Oct. 5, 1879, with 7 members, has given Bro. Armstrong, and his Congregational ponies, all they could do. Crops are so cut off as to make the financial outlook discouraging, but spiritual compensations counterbalance. Bro. Tuttle closed his four years work well done at WORTHINGTON June 1, and accepted a call to St. Charles. Same date Rev. Charles W. Hanna, from Marlborough, Ct., took the work and is hopeful and earnest in carrying it forward.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE.

AMIRET and TRACY BETHEL, now called CUSTER BETHEL, are still hard pressed by shortage in crops. Out of $150 pledged on salary, only $49.50 were paid. Bro. Peregrine has borne the deficit thus far. They look, with hope, for brighter days. BENSON has been worked only six weeks of this year, on account of lack of means, confronted with sectarian rivalry. Plans are in progress for the renewal of the work. GRANITE FALLS has had a good year under Bro. Ruddock, who closed his work Sept. 15, and goes to APPLETON, where a preliminary organization was made Aug. 31. A council is called to complete organization Oct. 16. ORTONVILLE, a new church of eleven members, organized Sept. 7, is a promising point. A man is in view to take the work at once. HANCOCK

and MORRIS, yoked most happily for six years under Bro. Fonda, separate into two fields. Morris retains Bro. Fonda, and Hancock looks for a new man. HAVELOCK, LAC QUI PARLE and MONTEVIDEO, having worshipped with the Baptists and Methodists for a year, May 1, called Rev. D. Goodsell from Chicago Seminary, and report encouragingly. SLEEPY EYE, yoked with Iberia and New Ulm as out stations, were worked by Bro. Champlin till July 1, when he closed five years of hard toil for greatly needed rest. Rev. Victor E. Loba, of Ohio, took his place, having been ordained at Sleepy Eye two weeks previous. Lone Tree takes the place of New Ulm, the three points giving the missionary more than he can do.

LAMBERTON and BURNS, May 1, called Bro. George Holden, Bro. Johnson having gone to Watertown, D. T. Bro. Holden was licensed June 12 by the Marshall Association. A new church is now the demand of Lamberton. The work spreads north and south on the prairie as the country fills up. The missionary is kept very busy. MARSHALL, by dint of mental and manual energy on the part of Bro. Simmons, has a neat church edifice, good for the demands of years in that growing town. The labor demanded on this field has been severe. UNDERWOOD, 13 miles away, is a part of it, and has been supplied regularly to the entire satisfaction of the people. Likewise CLIFTON, 9 miles away, where a new church of 12 was organized Sept. 24. Believing a change to be best, Bro. Simmons resigned his place, and was dismissed and warmly commended to the churches Sept. 23. He goes to WALNUT STATION and TRACY to take the place left vacant at the close of Bro. Moses' fourth year of successful toil. MARSHALL calls Rev. S. J. Rogers, from Fort Plain, N. Y., at a salary of $1,000 and a parsonage. The church thus comes nobly up to self-support.

MARSHFIELD and Lake Benton, served by Bro. Carl till May 1, called Bro. Wilson from Hutchinson, who has the work well in hand. The people, encouraged by the completion of the Dakota Central Railroad from Tracy, west, are taking new hold of the work. The missionary, like his Master, finding "no place where to lay his head," has been compelled to build a cottage. When will the Lord's money and his people's hearts see and meet this demand for places to live?

### WINONA CONFERENCE.

We were looking hopefully to the time when this Conference would have no H. M. fields to report, RUSHFORD and YUCATAN being all that we had to report last year, though LENORA yoked with BURR OAK, Iowa, on Bro. Adams' list. But HIGH FOREST, becoming tired of being dead, came to life, called Rev. E. P. Crane, from N. Y., yoked with Stewartsville and goes on her way and work rejoicing. Bro. Snell's field holds its own in spite of the incoming settlers of foreign birth. A year or two more, we are led to hope, will place all the churches of this Conference on the self-supporting list.

GROWING DEMANDS.

Forty-eight churches have been organized in Minnesota, besides one in Winnepeg, Manitoba, one in Iowa, and one in Dakota, in the last 5½ years. Many of these are

"Far out upon the prairie."

The society has asked me to keep an eye on the N. P. Railroad as it pushes west. I took charge of this work when we had 87 churches in all. We now have 135. I ask no reprive from growing demands. But all the work demanded can not be done by any one man. There is not a church in the State that has not been directly or indirectly aided by missionary labor. Cannot some of these churches, now so strong in self-support, not only *allow* but deputize their pastor and some of the brethren to give, now and then, a Sabbath or week night service in the less favored communities? A series of well planned and vigorously worked Gospel meetings, within the bounds of each Conference, would send thrills of joy through the exhausted energies of many a faithful worker.

Finally, plain as Providence can make it, is the absolute demand for not less than ONE DOLLAR A MEMBER from our entire 6,624; besides a TEN CENTS' BLESSING on the heart of every child that can save or earn that small amount to invest in this work. We need nothing but the simplest plans, worked with consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ. L. H. COBB.

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## (J.)

### TREASURERS' REPORTS.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA,
In account with J. E. BELL, Treasurer.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1878. | | | |
| Oct. 23. | Postal cards and printing | $ 4 80 | |
| Nov. 9. | Statistical Secretary's expenses | 4 50 | |
| Dec. 3. | Railroad certificates | 1 00 | |
| Dec. 7. | Johnson, Smith & Harrison, 1500 Minutes | 131 50 | |
| Dec. 7. | Express on Minutes of National Council | 1 45 | |
| 1879. | | | |
| July 7.—Nov. 7. | Distributing Minutes | 12 83 | |
| | Balance | 41 10 | |
| | | | $197 18 |

CR.

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| 1878. | | | |
| Oct. 14. | Cash on hand | $ 21 20 | |
| 1879. | | | |
| Oct. 1. | By assessment of churches | 171 73 | |
| | Carleton College advt | 4 00 | |
| | Postal cards sold | 25 | |
| | | | $197 18 |
| | Balance (on hand in bank) | | $ 41 10 |

Audited and found correct.

C. W. HACKETT, Auditor.

## (K.)

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
In account with L. H. COBB, Treasurer.

CR.

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| 1878. | | | |
| Oct. 12. | By cash collection at Conference | | $ 4 52 |
| 1879. | | | |
| Oct. 7. | By cash from Woman's Cent Society to date | | 121 23 |
| Oct. 5. | By cash from churches and individuals to date | | 3,149 35 |
| | Total Cr | | $3,275 10 |

DR.

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| 1878. | | | |
| Dec. 23. | To cash paid Rev. D. L. Leonard, Secretary | $ 1 00 | |
| 1879. | | | |
| Oct. 7. | To cash paid Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Treas. A. H. M. S | 3,270 58 | |
| Oct. 7. | To cash on hand | 3 52 | |
| | Total Dr | | $3,275 10 |

RECEIPTS OF THE A. H. M. S., FROM MINNESOTA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31ST, 1879.

| | For the General Work. | For the S. S. Work. |
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| 1878. | | |
| September | $ 306 16 | $ 5 54 |
| October | 440 94 | 2 00 |
| November | 166 28 | 2 56 |
| December | 1,063 64 | |
| 1879. | | |
| January | 958 63 | |
| February | 327 61 | 12 00 |
| March | 214 90 | 6 02 |
| April | 222 53 | |
| May | 90 99 | 2 66 |
| June | 186 35 | 84 17 |
| July | 381 85 | 62 82 |
| August | 129 92 | 6 00 |
| Totals | $4,479 80 | $ 183 77 |
| | 183 77 | |
| In all | $4,663 57 | |

CONDENSED STATEMENT.

*Receipts of the A. H. M. S. from Minnesota, for the year ending August 31, 1879.*

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|---|---|
| For the General Work | $4,479 80 |
| For the Sabbath School Work | 183 77 |
| Total | $ 4,663 57 |

Audited and found correct, with vouchers for each payment.
CHAS. A. J. MARSH, Auditor.

(L.)

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY,
In account with D. L. LEONARD, Treasurer.

DR.

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| 1878. | | | |
| Oct. 8. | To amount brought forward for 1877 | $ 16 26 | |
| Oct. 11-13. | To collected at Mankato | 23 50 | |
| Oct. 13. | To communion collection | 10 92 | |
| 1879. | | | |
| July 15. | To P. Green, paid interest on note | 68 55 | |
| Oct. 8. | To L. C. Storbraaten, interest on note | 12 00 | |
| | Total | | $ 131 23 |

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| 1879. | | | |
| Jan. 6. | By paid Mrs. Lucy W. Bigelow (voucher 14) | $ 20 00 | |
| Feb. 13. | By paid Mrs. Mary W. Powell (voucher 15) | 20 00 | |
| Aug. 11. | By deposit in Citizens' Bank, Northfield | 50 00 | |
| Oct. 8. | By deposit in Citizens' Bank, Northfield | 37 00 | |
| Oct. 9. | By cash on hand | 4 23 | |
| | Total | | $ 131 23 |

ASSETS OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

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| Note of P. Green (12 per cent., due 1881) | $ 572 00 | |
| Accrued interest on same | 17 16 | |
| Note of L. C. Storbraaten (due Oct. 8, 1879) | 100 00 | |
| Certificate of deposit, Citizens' Bank of Northfield | 87 00 | |
| Cash on hand | 4 23 | |
| Total | | $ 780 39 |
| Net interest of one year | | 74 97 |

Audited and found correct.

C. W. HACKETT, Auditor.

## CHURCHES BY COUNTIES AND KEY TO MAP.

ANOKA.
5. Anoka.

BECKER.
75. Audubon.
71. Detroit.
126. Lake View.
113. Lake Park.

BENTON.
102. Gilmanton.
4. Sauk Rapids.

BIG STONE.
131. Ortonville.

BLUE EARTH.
6. Butternut Valley.
100. Goshen.
54. East Mapleton.
57. Mankato.
97. McPherson.
35. South Bend.
20. Sterling.

BROWN.
108. Burns.
79. Sleepy Eye.

CHIPPEWA.
111. Havelock.
65. Montevideo.

CLAY.
70. Glyndon.
83. Hawley.
84. Muskoda.
82. Park.

COTTONWOOD.
87. Mountain Lake.

CROW WING.
72. Brainerd.

DAKOTA.
58. Douglas.

DODGE.
37. Claremont.
29. Dodge Center.
26. Mantorville.

DOUGLAS.
56. Alexandria.
115. Osakis.

FILLMORE.
125. Granger.
39. Hamilton.
23. Lenora.
38. Rushford.
8. Spring Valley.

FREEBORN.
76. Albert Lea.
127. Alden.
86. Freeborn.
90. Hartland.

GOODHUE.
12. Cannon Falls.
18. Zumbrota.

HENNEPIN.
2. Excelsior.
1. Minneapolis—First.
17. Minneapolis—Plym'th.
50. Minneapolis—Second.
85. Minneapolis—Pilgrim.

HOUSTON.
121. Yucatan.

LAC QUI PARLE.
66. Lac qui Parle.

LE SUEUR.
129. Waterville.

LINCOLN.
96. Marshfield.

LYON.
123. Amiret.
134. Clifton.
92. Custer—Bethel.
73. Marshall.
94. Tracy.
101. Underwood.

M'LEOD.
22. Glencoe.
60. Hutchinson.
98. Round Grove.

MARTIN.
45. Chain Lake Center.
53. Fairmont.
108. Sherburne.
63. Westford.

MEEKER.
117. Dassel.
103. Union Grove.

MILLE LAC.
10. Princeton.

MORRISON.
61. Belle Prairie.
69. Little Falls.
95. Two Rivers.

MOWER.
19. Austin.
59. Brownsdale.
114. Dexter.
118. Grand Meadow.
48. Lansing.
51. Nevada.
74. Rose Creek.

NICOLLET.
78. Belgrade.
55. Providence.

NOBLES.
80. Worthington.

OLMSTED.
30. High Forest.
42. Quincy.
24. Rochester.

OTTERTAIL.
68. Fergus Falls.
105. Maine.
133. Perham.
106. Scambler.
104. St. Olaf.

POLK.
119. Crookston.

POPE.
49. Glenwood.

RAMSEY.
30. St. Paul.

REDWOOD.
107. Lamberton.
89. Walnut Station.

RENVILLE.
64. Preston Lake.

RICE.
67. Cannon City.
41. East Prairieville.
9. Faribault.
120. Morristown.
14. Northfield.

ROCK.
122. LuVerne and Clinton.

ST. LOUIS.
62. Duluth.

SHERBURNE.
99. Baldwin.
93. Elk River.

STEARNS.
46. Paynesville.
47. Sauk Center.
44. St. Cloud.

STEELE.
112. Berlin.
15. Medford.
21. Owatonna.

STEVENS.
81. Hancock.
88. Morris.

SWIFT.
135. Appleton.
109. Benson.

TODD.
132. Gordon.

WABASHA.
27. Elgin.
16. Lake City.
40. Mazeppa.
43. Plainview.
13. Wabasha.

WADENA.
91. Wadena.

WASECA.
124. Freedom.
52. Waseca.

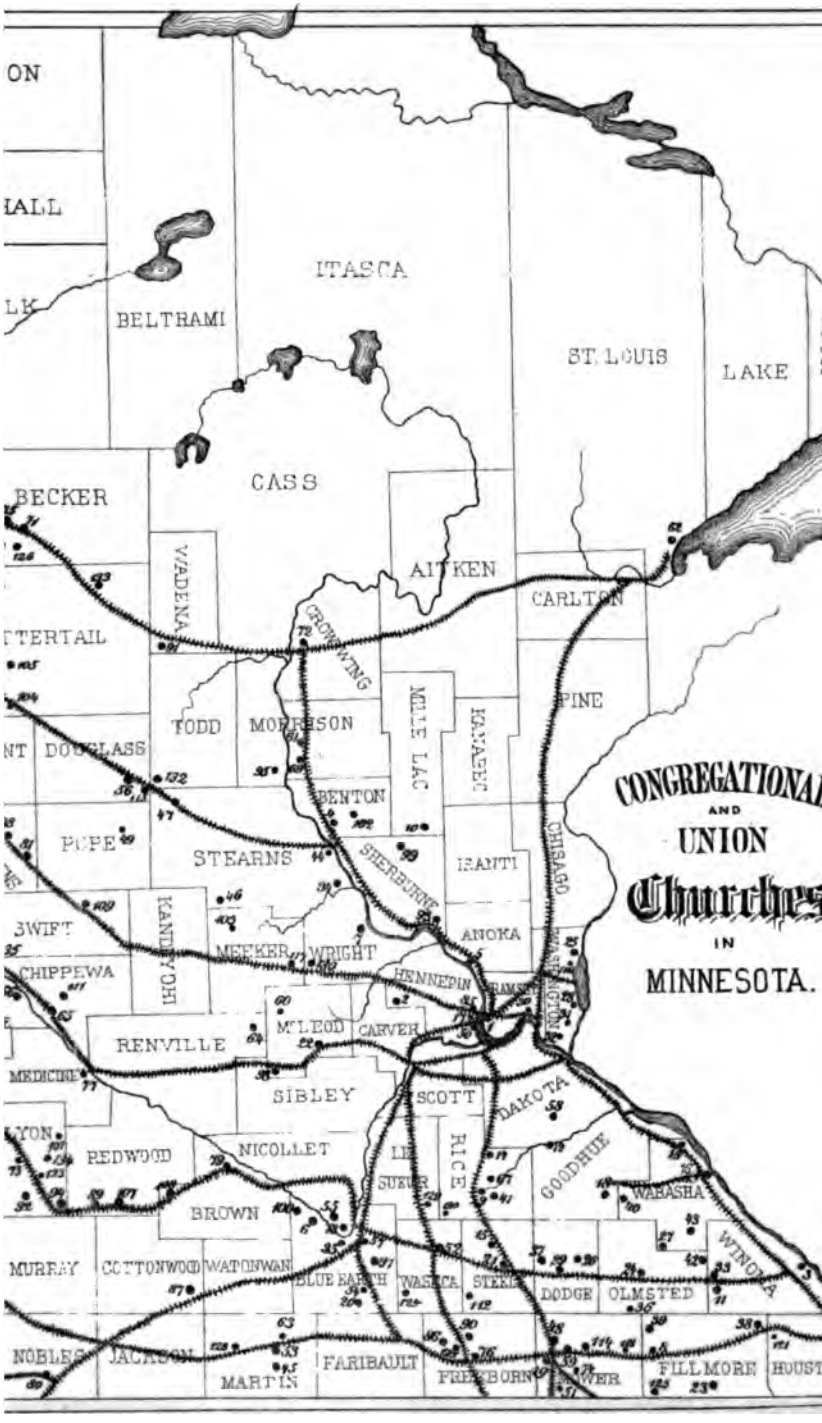
WASHINGTON.
31. Afton.
32. Cottage Grove.
28. Lakeland.
25. Marine.
116. Marine—Second.

WILKIN.
110. Breckenridge.

WINONA.
11. Saratoga.
33. St. Charles.
3. Winona.

WRIGHT.
34. Clearwater.
130. Cokato.
7. Monticello.

YELLOW MEDICINE.
77. Granite Falls.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ITASCA
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CARLTON
WADENA
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MORRISON
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KANABEC
DOUGLASS
BENTON
POPE
STEARNS
SHERBURNE
ISANTI
CHISAGO
SWIFT
KANDIYOHI
MEEKER
WRIGHT
ANOKA
CHIPPEWA
HENNEPIN
RAMSEY
WASHINGTON
RENVILLE
M'LEOD
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DAKOTA
REDWOOD
NICOLLET
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RICE
GOODHUE
WABASHA
BROWN
MURRAY
COTTONWOOD
WATONWAN
BLUE EARTH
WASECA
STEELE
DODGE
OLMSTED
WINONA
NOBLES
JACKSON
MARTIN
FARIBAULT
FREEBORN
FILLMORE
HOUSTON

## (M.)

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL CONFERENCES.

#### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

*Proceedings of the Session held in Alexandria, June 9–10, 1879.*

Members in attendance: Ministers, 12; Delegates, 20; also Rev. L. H. obb, and D. H. Mason, missionary of the A. S. S. U.

Conference sermon, Monday evening, June 9th, 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. E. M. Filliams; subject, "Boldness in Preaching," Eph. 6:19, 20.

M. M. G. Dana, D. D., was elected Moderator, and C. T. Harmon, Scribe.

The usual devotional services were observed.

Reports from the churches were given by the delegates.

Revs. G. A. Hood, E. S. Williams, and Bro. D. C. Bell, were nominated ome Missionary Committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. E. M. Williams was elected Registrar.

Voted, to request for this Conference one page of the Minutes of the Gen- al Conference.

A committee on redistricting this Conference reported in favor of a division. eport laid on the table for one year.

Voted, that this body recommend to the next General Council that it desig- ate a uniform name for the lesser bodies, and that such name be the one now orne by the majority of such bodies, and that such decision be accepted by this ody.

Topics were opened for discussion as follows:

"What has been done to evangelize Minnesota and what remains to be one?" by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

"The relation of the strong churches to the weak," by C. A. J. Marsh and ev. F. N. Walcott.

"What is the mission of the local church in new regions?" by D. H. Mason.

"The best and speediest method of reaching self-support in the church," y Rev. G. A. Hood.

A paper was read by Rev. P. S. Smith; subject, "What Religious Truths nd Gospel Precepts need special enforcement?"

A children's meeting was led by Rev. E. S. Williams.

7:30 P. M. Praise service, after which came a service on "Unconscious In- uence," by Dr. Dana; text, Acts 5:15.

Next meeting at Clearwater. Preacher, Rev. Q. L. Dowd; Rev. R. S. Cross, lternate. Committee of Arrangements, Revs. P. S. Smith, F. N. Walcott and Ir. C. T. Harmon.

A business meeting of the Northern Association was held in connection with onference.

EDWARD M. WILLIAMS, Registrar.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

A meeting was held at Wadena, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1st and 2d, 1879.

Rev. E. C. Ingalls, of Duluth, was chosen Moderator; and Fred. Jacobson, Jr., of Glyndon, Scribe.

Churches represented: Duluth, Glyndon, Maine, St. Olaf, Wadena, Brainerd, Verndale.

Rev. William Denley gave the address of welcome.

Reports from the churches were mainly encouraging, especially in respect to the S. S. and Temperance work.

The interest in the Conference was greatly heightened by the presence, at different times, of Supt. L. H. Cobb, Rev. D. L. Leonard, of Northfield; Rev. C. A. Conant, of Cannon Falls; and Rev. A. H. Plumb, D. D., of Roxbury, Mass.

Various topics of interest were discussed. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. P. Cheeseman, of Maine and St. Olaf.

Adjourned to meet at Audubon, the first Tuesday in June, 1880.

FRED. JACOBSON, JR., Registrar.

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### OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

The annual session was held with the church in Spring Valley, June 3d and 4th, 1879.

The opening sermon, was by Rev. D. A. Morehouse, from Romans 12:21: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Rev. William Gill was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Scribe. Revs. C. W. Merrill, D. L. Leonard, and Dea. A. N. Stoughton, were appointed a business committee.

Churches represented: Albert Lea, Alden, Austin, Chain Lake Center, Dexter, Fairmont, Mankato, South Bend, Mantorville, Morristown, Waterville, Nevada, Northfield, Owatonna, Rose Creek, Sherburne, Westford, Waseca and Spring Valley, with Rev. L. H. Cobb and seven other visiting members.

The customary devotions were observed throughout.

The churches at Alden, Freedom and Sherburne, were received to membership in Conference.

It was voted, that the Scribes of the Conference and the Association, with Rev. D. L. Leonard, be a Permanent Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Revs. L. W. Chaney, C. E. Wright and D. A. Morehouse, were nominated Executive Committee Minn. H. M. Soc., and also on Home Evangelization.

Papers were read for discussion as follows:

"The Sabbath evening service—its importance to our churches," by Rev. William Gill.

"Character as a Spiritual force," by Rev. D. L. Leonard.

"The full assurance of Faith," by Rev. L. W. Chaney.

A topic, "How shall we guard the character of our churches?" was opened by Rev. W. L. Sutherland.

Reports were heard from the churches of Conference. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. C. E. Wright and George Williams.

Next meeting at Owatonna, Rev. Wilbur Fisk, Preacher; Rev. J. S. Rounce, Alternate.

D. A. MOREHOUSE, Registrar.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE.

A meeting was held at Sleepy Eye, June 12th to 15th, 1879.

Opening sermon by Rev. H. C. Simmons, from Deut. 5:29. Nine churches were represented.

Rev. H. C. Simmons was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. L. Fonda, Scribe.

Art. V. of the Constitution was amended, changing name of Recording Secretary to that of Registrar.

Supt. Cobb gave a historical discourse upon Minnesota.

On Saturday, June 14th, after devotional exercises, Revs. Simmons, Fonda and Moses, were nominated Executive Committee of the Minn. H. M. Soc. for the ensuing year.

A By-Law was adopted requiring the attendance of ministers at meetings of Conference or rendering an excuse.

The Executive Committee was instructed to correspond in regard to changing bounds of Conference.

Papers were read on "Revivals," by Rev. P. Peregrine; "History of the Congregational Church of Marshall," by Rev. H. C. Simmons; "Preaching Righteousness," by Rev. J. L. Fonda, with discussion of each subject.

The Sabbath sermons were by Rev. P. Peregrine in the morning, who also led in a Communion service, and by Rev. J. L. Fonda in the evening.

A meeting of the Ministerial Association was also held.

J. L. FONDA, Registrar.

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WINONA CONFERENCE.

The twenty-fifth meeting was held at Lake City, May 27th and 28th, 1879.

Opening sermon by Rev. J. Morley; text, Matt. 27:22, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Rev. C. A. Conant was chosen Moderator, and Rev. P. B. Fisk, Scribe. Eight churches were represented.

Revs. Willard, Snell and Morley, were nominated Home Missionary Executive Committee.

Papers were read and discussed, as follows: By Rev. J H. Morley, "Watch and care in the Churches; by Rev. J. W. Ray, discussion of the question, "Should the Installation of the Rev. J. M. Whiton, of Newark, N. J., be approved?" or, in other words, "The Doctrinal test for the Congregational Ministry;" by Rev. C. A. Conant, "How can we most effectually labor with those who cling to an old hope that brings forth no good fruit?"

The next meeting is to be at St. Charles, Revs. Tuttle, Morley and Fisk, Committee of Arrangements.

An excursion on Lake Pepin was contemplated, but the weather prevented.

A mutual Ecclesiastical council, called by the Congregational church in Rochester and its pastor, to advise as to the dismission of the latter, was held after the evening session of Conference, and the pastor, Rev. G. P. Blanchard, dismissed without recommendation.

P. B. FISK, Registrar.

# HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

## OF THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

| ORGANIZED OCT. 24, 1856. | | | PLACE OF MEETING. | MODERATOR. | RECORDING SECRETARY. | CORRESPOND'G SECRETARY. | STATISTICAL SECRETARY. | PREACHER AND TEXT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Meeting second Wednesday in October. | 1 | 1856 | St. Anthony | Rev. S. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ... ..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1 : 4. |
| | 2 | 1857 | Prescott, Wis | Rev. L. Armsby..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4 : 7. |
| | 3 | 1858 | Faribault... | Rev. D. Andrews... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11 : 15. |
| | 4 | 1859 | Winona..... | Rev. C. Secombe ... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3 : 18. |
| | 5 | 1860 | St. Paul..... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55 : 10, 11. |
| | 6 | 1861 | Anoka..... | Rev. O. A. Thomas.. | Rev. C. B. Sheldon | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. S. Fisk, Phil. 4 : 6. |
| | 7 | 1862 | Northfield .. | Rev. C Shedd..... | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2 : 13. |
| | 8 | 1863 | Lake City... | Rev. W. R. Stevens. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt ... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17 : 20, 21. |
| | 9 | 1864 | Rochester .. | Bro. C. M. Goodsell. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe, Prov. 24 : 10. |
| | 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis | Bro. R. G. Lincoln.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley.. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Burt, Epn. 2 : 1. |
| | 11 | 1866 | Faribault... | Bro. W. G. Copp .. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 23 : 8. |
| | 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud.... | Rev. J. W. Strong .. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19 : 11, 27. |
| | 13 | 1868 | Austin .. ... | Bro. L. W. Furber.. | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. Fuller, Job. 40 : 3 ; 42 : 5, 6. |
| | 14 | 1869 | Owatonna .. | Bro. J. L. Noyes.... | Rev. L. S. Griggs.. . | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4 : 22, 12. |
| | 15 | 1870 | Northfield .. | Bro. R. J. Baldwin.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson.. | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4 : 28. |
| | 16 | 1871 | St. Anthony. | Rev. J. W. Strong .. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall .... | Rev. C. C. Salter, Is. 40 : 3. |
| | 17 | 1872 | Lake City... | Rev. S. H. Barteau.. | Rev. H A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall .... | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 18 | 1873 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page.... | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall .... | Rev. H. M. Tenney, Phil. 2 : 15, 16. |
| | 19 | 1874 | Winona..... | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall .... | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3 : 9-17. |
| | 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis | Rev. L. H. Cobb .... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall .... | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1 : 16. |
| | 21 | 1876 | Austin..... | Rev. E. M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. G. A. Hood, Eph. 3 : 8. |
| | 22 | 1877 | Faribault... | Rev. David Burt.... | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. C. W. Merrill, { Jno. 17 : 18. Rom. 3 : 23. 2 Tim. 4 : 2. |
| | 23 | 1878 | Mankato ... | Rev. D. L. Leonard. | Bro. Wm. Cheney,.. | Rv.L. W.Chaney | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16 : 15, 16. |
| | 24 | 1879 | E.Minn'p'lis | Hon A. H. Young... | Rev. Geo. A. Hood . | Rv.L. W.Chaney | Rev. G. A. Hood. | Rev. D. L. Leonard, Heb. 11 : 1. |

## ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP TISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. | | | NAMES. | Began Labor. | Installed | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismiss'd | Excommun'cat'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
| | Year | M'th. | Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 1867 | 12 | 14 | Quincy L. Dowd | 1878 | .... | 14 | 24 | 38 | ... | 2 | 6 | 8 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 5 | 70 | 60 |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | Geo. Hood | 1879 | .... | 3 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 52 | 32 |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | R. S. Cross | 1878 | .... | 28 | 64 | 92 | ... | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | 4 | 1 | .... | 150 | 110 |
| Baldwin U | 1876 | 1 | 12 | David Henderson | 1879 | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 22 | 18 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | D. W. Rosenkraus | .... | 1875 | 7 | 13 | 20 | .... | 10 | 1 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 1 | 20 | .... |
| Brownton | 1857 | 10 | 24 | Joseph Chandler | 1876 | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... |
| Cokato | 1879 | 3 | 28 | J. S. Hull | 1878 | .... | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 25 | 22 |
| Clear Water | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Pliny S. Smith | 1878 | .... | 14 | 44 | 58 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | 3 | .... | 120 | 95 |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | L. Loring | 1879 | .... | 24 | 55 | 79 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | 4 | 2 | 100 | 53 |
| Dassell | 1878 | 1 | 25 | J. S. Hull | 1878 | 1878 | 11 | 21 | 32 | 6 | 18 | 2 | 20 | .... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | .... | 85 | 45 |
| Elk River U | 1875 | 2 | 7 | W. M. Jenkins | 1878 | .... | 15 | 25 | 40 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 175 | 120 |
| Excelsior | 1858 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | .... | 38 | 63 | 101 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 75 |
| Gilmanton | 1875 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 51 | 35 |
| Glencoe | 1875 | 11 | 12 | Joseph Chandler | 1877 | .... | 10 | 23 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 75 | 40 |
| Glenwood | 1867 | 9 | 10 | A. C. Lathrop | 1867 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 | 10 |
| Gordon | 1879 | 9 | 7 | F. N. Walcott | 1879 | .... | 5 | 4 | 9 | .... | 2 | 7 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | Jas. B. Reushaw | 1849 | .... | 13 | 19 | 32 | .... | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | 70 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | Geo. Hood | 1879 | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 45 | 30 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkraus | 1875 | 1875 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 16 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 12 | 3 | 40 | 25 |
| Marine Mills—First | 1858 | 2 | 8 | Unsupplied | 1879 | .... | 9 | 20 | 29 | 12 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 63 | 47 |
| " —Second | 1878 | 2 | 6 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 6 | 16 | 22 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 65 | 35 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | Edward M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 49 | 78 | 127 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 3 | 240 | 160 |
| " —Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | H. A. Stimson | 1869 | 1870 | 193 | 322 | 515 | 19 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 4 | 21 | 1 | 26 | 11 | 10 | 682 | 438 |
| " —Second | 1867 | 10 | 9 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | 1879 | 52 | 105 | 157 | ... | 11 | 23 | 34 | 2 | 2 | .... | 4 | 11 | 2 | 287 | 147 |
| " —Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Geo. A. Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 35 | 63 | 98 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 19 | .... | 12 | .. | 12 | 4 | 3 | 200 | 120 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 1 | 13 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 11 | 21 | 32 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 78 | 40 |
| Osakis U | 1877 | 11 | 24 | F. N. Walcott | 1879 | .... | 8 | 20 | 28 | 3 | 12 | .... | 12 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 7 | 5 | 100 | 60 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | 35 |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | Jas. S. Reushaw | 1879 | .... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 40 | 25 |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | David Henderson | 1878 | .... | 16 | 18 | 34 | 2 | .... | 4 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 60 | 45 |
| Sauk Center | 1867 | 1 | 20 | I. L. Cory | 1879 | 1879 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 100 | 75 |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 25 | 15 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 11 | 21 | 32 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 44 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M. M. G. Dana, D. D | 1878 | 1878 | 145 | 230 | 375 | 30 | 20 | 44 | 64 | 1 | 6 | .... | 7 | 9 | 13 | 500 | .... |
| Two Rivers U | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | .... | 1875 | 17 | 27 | 44 | 7 | 5 | .... | 5 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 110 | 70 |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 4 | 4 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 55 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | 818 | 1457 | 2275 | 220 | 162 | 171 | 333 | 26 | 70 | 6 | 102 | 87 | 48 | 3955 | 2247 |

Executive Committee.—Revs. Geo. A. Hood: Minneapolis, E. S. Williams, Bro. D. C. Bell; Registrar, Rev. E. M. Williams, Minneapolis.

## ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M | A. C. U. | Congr'ga'l. Publicat'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | | $13 29 | $5 00 | $5 50 | | | $300 00 | | $323 79 |
| Alexandria | | 34 80 | 5 00 | 12 50 | $3 40 | | 425 00 | $24 55 | 505 25 |
| Anoka | | 14 00 | | | | | | | 14 00 |
| Baldwin U. | | | | | | | | | |
| Belle Prairie | | 10 00 | | | | | 180 00 | | 190 00 |
| Brownton | | | | | | | 75 00 | | 75 00 |
| Cokato | | 90 | | | | | 87 00 | | 87 90 |
| Clear Water | | 117 08 | 3 01 | 17 26 | 11 75 | | | | 149 10 |
| Cottage Grove | | 3 75 | | 10 20 | 5 00 | | | 105 00 | 123 95 |
| Dassell | | 9 00 | | | | | 900 00 | | 909 00 |
| Elk River U. | | 9 00 | | 4 00 | | | 66 50 | 55 00 | 134 50 |
| Excelsior | | 30 00 | 20 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | | 703 00 | 18 63 | 806 63 |
| Gilmanton | | | | | | | | | |
| Glencoe | | 18 04 | | | | | 275 00 | | 293 04 |
| Glenwood | | | | | | | | 5 00 | 5 00 |
| Gordon | | | | | | | | | |
| Hutchinson | | 7 00 | | | | | 325 00 | | 332 00 |
| Lakeland | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Falls | | 10 00 | | | | | 200 00 | 10 00 | 220 00 |
| Marine Mills—First | | | | | | | | | |
| " —Second | | | | | | | | | |
| Minneapolis—First | | 184 00 | 175 00 | 281 25 | 135 00 | | 1,795 03 | 270 25 | 2,840 53 |
| " —Plymouth | $47 51 | 887 71 | 237 65 | 711 96 | 118 83 | $23 76 | 22,068 33 | 298 05 | 24,393 80 |
| " —Second | | 22 70 | 2 80 | 24 20 | 2 80 | | 1,800 00 | | 1,852 50 |
| " —Pilgrim | 80 | 72 10 | 3 95 | 4 80 | 1 60 | | 1,200 00 | | 1,283 25 |
| Monticello | | 20 00 | | | | | 450 00 | 25 00 | 495 00 |
| Osakis U. | | 3 00 | | | | | 160 00 | 14 00 | 177 00 |
| Paynesville | | | | | | | | | |
| Prest on Lake | | 3 00 | | | | | 125 00 | | 128 00 |
| Princeton | | 8 19 | 18 05 | | | | 133 00 | | 159 24 |
| Sauk Center | | | | | | | | | |
| Sauk Rapids | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Cloud | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul | | 183 52 | 20 30 | 90 85 | 61 16 | | 6,839 02 | 122 75 | 7,317 60 |
| Two Rivers U. | | 11 55 | 1 00 | | | | 335 00 | | 347 55 |
| Union Grove | | | | | | | | | |
| | $48 31 | $1,672 63 | $491 76 | $1,187 52 | $349 54 | $23 76 | $38,441 88 | $948 23 | $43,163 63 |

# NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZ'D. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No in Sab'th Sch'l. | Av. Attendance. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 10 | 10 | H. J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 11 | 12 | 23 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 12 | R. A. Beard | 1879 | 1879 | 16 | 26 | 42 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 90 | 70 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 8 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 20 |
| Crookston U | 1878 | 4 | 24 | S. H. Barteau | .... | .... | 13 | 13 | 26 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 30 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 11 | H. J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | 60 | 30 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | M. M. Tracy | 1879 | 1879 | 10 | 15 | 25 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 120 | 90 |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 3 | 3 | J. E. Higgins | 1878 | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Glyndon U | 1872 | 8 | 11 | Geo. S. Pelton | 1877 | .... | 27 | 28 | 55 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 2 | 4 | .... | 6 | 3 | 2 | 80 | 50 |
| Hawley U | 1873 | 8 | 11 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 9 | 14 | 23 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 6 | .... | 7 | .... | .... | 30 | 25 |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 24 | 20 |
| Lake View | 1879 | 2 | 5 | Henry J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | .... | 7 | 3 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 32 | 28 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 2 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1870 | .... | 14 | 14 | 28 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | 105 | 50 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | O. M. Smith | .... | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 20 |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 11 | O. M. Smith | 1873 | .... | 13 | 12 | 25 | 5 | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... |
| Perham | 1879 | 9 | 11 | Wm. Denley | 1879 | .... | 3 | 5 | 8 | .... | .... | 8 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Seambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .... | 9 | 19 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 45 | 33 |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 9 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1878 | .... | 9 | 13 | 22 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... |
| Wadena | 1874 | 9 | 29 | Wm. Denley | 1879 | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 35 | 30 |
| | | | | | | | 166 | 218 | 384 | 53 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 4 | 20 | 4 | 28 | 6 | 8 | 781 | 511 |

**Executive Committee—Rev. G. S. Pelton, Glyndon; Revs. R. A. Beard, M. M. Tracy. Registrar—Fred. Jacobson, Glyndon.**

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Educ'l Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M | A. C. U. | Congrega'l Publica'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | | $16 50 | $2 84 | $3 92 | | | | | $23 26 |
| Brainerd | | | | | | | $1,040 00 | | 1,040 00 |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Crookston U | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | | 1 00 | | | | | 70 00 | | 71 00 |
| Duluth | | | | 19 45 | $4 00 | | 450 00 | | 473 45 |
| Fergus Falls | | 18 00 | | | | | 700 00 | | 718 00 |
| Glyndon U | | 25 00 | | 5 50 | | | 1,000 00 | $32 00 | 1,062 50 |
| Hawley | | 28 00 | 30 00 | 7 00 | | | | | 65 00 |
| Lake Park U | | 1 61 | | | | | 50 00 | | 51 61 |
| Lake View | | | | | | | 60 00 | | 60 00 |
| Maine | | 150 00 | 6 50 | | | | 200 00 | | 356 50 |
| Muskoda | | | | | | | | | |
| Park | | 3 50 | | | | | 50 00 | | 53 50 |
| Perham | | | | | | | | | |
| Scambler and Pelican Rapids | | 16 15 | | | | | 1 55 | | 17 70 |
| St. Olaf | | 150 00 | 6 50 | | | | 200 00 | | 356 50 |
| Wadena | | | | | | | 50 00 | | 50 00 |
| Total | | $409 76 | $45 84 | $35 87 | $4 00 | | $3,871 55 | $32 00 | $4,399 02 |

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | Sab. School. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED. | | | NAMES. | Began Labor. | Installed. | Males. | Fem'ls. | Total. | Absent | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths | Dismissed | Excommuted | Total. | Adults. | Infants | No. in Sab. School. | Av. Attendance. |
| | Year | M'th. | Day. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albert Lea | 1872 | 10 | 23 | Unsupplied | 1878 | | 14 | 29 | 43 | 12 | 3 | | 3 | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 90 | 60 |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | | 1875 | 65 | 111 | 176 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 20 | | 10 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 230 | 135 |
| Alden | 1879 | 3 | 12 | Unsupplied | 1879 | | 8 | 8 | 16 | | 12 | 4 | 16 | | | | | | 2 | 45 | 30 |
| Belgrade | 1873 | | | I. G. Jones | 1878 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | 30 | 25 |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | 1877 | | 6 | 7 | 13 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 30 | 20 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | J. S. Rounce | 1878 | | 9 | 13 | 22 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 50 | 40 |
| Butternut V'ly—Salem. | 1855 | 10 | 13 | Unsupplied | | | 19 | 26 | 45 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | | 2 | 60 | 55 |
| " —Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 3 | Unsupplied | | | 7 | 11 | 18 | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 25 | 23 |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | Unsupplied | | | 9 | 12 | 21 | | | | | | 9 | | 9 | | | 20 | 12 |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | D. B. Eells | | | 6 | 8 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 45 | 25 |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | | A. J. Drake | 1877 | | 16 | 20 | 36 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 2 | 100 | 35 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 5 | R. B. Wright | 1878 | | 7 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 85 | 43 |
| Dodge Center | 1858 | 6 | 6 | A. J. Drake | 1877 | | 8 | 18 | 26 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 75 | 65 |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Wm. A. Cutler | 1879 | | 25 | 36 | 61 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | 70 | 50 |
| Faribault | 1874 | 7 | 8 | T. C. Northcott | 1878 | | 79 | 144 | 223 | 36 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 12 | | 14 | | | 175 | 150 |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | 2 | 1 | 63 | 40 |
| Freedom | 1878 | 11 | 12 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | 1878 | 6 | 7 | 13 | | 1 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | 60 | 50 |
| Grand Meadow | 1878 | 4 | 11 | Unsupplied | | | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 50 |
| Hartland | 1874 | 9 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 11 | 21 | 32 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 54 | 35 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | J. S. Rounce | 1878 | | 4 | 6 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lu Verne and Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 12 | Charles Slater | 1879 | | 7 | 8 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 35 | 25 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | 1873 | 50 | 61 | 111 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 12 | | 13 | 1 | 5 | 90 | 60 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | | 22 | 41 | 63 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 1 | 8 | | 9 | 5 | | 200 | 110 |
| Mapleton, East | 1879 | 9 | 5 | R. S. Armstrong | | | 2 | 5 | 7 | | 1 | 6 | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| McPherson | 1875 | 6 | 6 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | | 3 | 8 | 11 | | | 2 | 2 | | 12 | | 12 | | | 35 | 25 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | Alpheus Graves | 1877 | | 15 | 34 | 49 | 10 | | | | 2 | 2 | | 4 | | | 72 | 55 |
| Morristown | 1878 | 5 | 5 | William L. Sutherland | 1878 | | 9 | 11 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 60 | 45 |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | | | Unsupplied | | | 2 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nesala | 1868 | 5 | 17 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 45 | |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. L. Leonard | 1875 | | 147 | 185 | 332 | | 42 | 14 | 56 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 527 | 320 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 9 | 23 | D. A. Morehouse | 1876 | | 70 | 103 | 173 | 13 | 27 | 7 | 34 | | 4 | | 4 | 19 | 4 | 160 | 125 |
| Prairieville, East | 1860 | 5 | 18 | Unsupplied | | | 11 | 20 | 31 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 30 |
| Providence | 1864 | 9 | 10 | T. G. Jones | 1878 | | 10 | 15 | 25 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | 40 | 30 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | L. H. Moses | 1869 | | 2 | 10 | 12 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 40 | 35 |
| Sherburne | 1879 | 3 | 15 | D. B. Eells | 1878 | | 6 | 5 | 11 | | 3 | 8 | 11 | | | | | | | 35 | 30 |
| South Bend | 1859 | | | L. W. Chaney | 1874 | | 5 | 4 | 9 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 24 | 15 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | A. Simpson | 1879 | | 15 | 20 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 40 |
| Waterville | 1879 | 3 | 23 | Wm. Sutherland | 1878 | | 6 | 9 | 15 | | 7 | 8 | 15 | | | | | | | 60 | 45 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 15 | C. W. Merrill | 1879 | | 43 | 49 | 92 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 11 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 130 | 93 |
| Westford | 1871 | 3 | 27 | D. B. Eels | 1878 | | 6 | 9 | 15 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 50 | 40 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 8 | C. W. Hanna | 1879 | | 28 | 43 | 71 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 10 | | 11 | | 11 | 2 | | 140 | 97 |
| | | | | | | | 779 | 1163 | 1942 | 223 | 130 | 137 | 276 | 14 | 111 | 6 | 131 | 61 | 37 | 3191 | 2163 |

Executive Committee—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Mankato; Revs. D. A. Morehouse, C. E. Wright. Registrar—Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Owatonna.

# OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Societ. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M | A. C. U. | Congr'ga'l. Publicat'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | | $13 07 | | | | | $200 00 | | $213 07 |
| Austin | | 125 16 | $59 76 | $59 76 | $23 93 | | 1,700 00 | $10 75 | 1,979 36 |
| Alden | | 5 00 | | | | | 15 60 | | 20 60 |
| Belgrade | | 4 00 | | | | | | | 4 00 |
| Berlin | | | | | | | 50 00 | | 50 00 |
| Brownsdale | | 16 00 | | | | | 385 00 | | 401 00 |
| Butternut Valley—Salem | | 5 00 | | | | | 175 00 | 8 00 | 188 00 |
| " —Goshen | | 1 00 | | | | | 52 00 | | 53 00 |
| Cannon City | | | | | | | | | |
| Chain Lake Center | | 1 18 | 1 18 | | | | | | 2 36 |
| Claremont | | 3 00 | 3 00 | | | | 300 00 | 25 00 | 331 00 |
| Danville | | | | | | | | | |
| Dexter | | 7 14 | | 2 00 | | | 420 00 | | 429 14 |
| Dodge Center | | 3 60 | | | | | 2,252 00 | | 2,255 60 |
| Fairmount | | 16 00 | | | | | 400 00 | | 416 00 |
| Faribault | | 209 19 | 71 11 | 108 57 | | | 2,300 00 | | 2,688 87 |
| Freeborn | | 8 20 | | 1 37 | | | 174 00 | | 183 57 |
| Freedom | | 12 50 | | | | | 70 00 | | 82 50 |
| Grand Meadow | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland | | 8 27 | | | | | 141 90 | | 150 17 |
| Lansing | | | | | | | 90 00 | 15 00 | 105 00 |
| Lu Verne and Clinton | | 4 50 | | 4 00 | | | 75 00 | | 83 50 |
| Mankato | $30 00 | 65 94 | 10 70 | 26 90 | 21 00 | | 1,000 00 | 50 00 | 1,204 54 |
| Mantorville | | 14 00 | | 13 72 | | | 509 80 | | 537 52 |
| McPherson | | 9 15 | | | 2 00 | | 65 00 | | 76 15 |
| Medford | | 290 00 | 3 25 | 3 25 | 3 25 | | 714 27 | | 1,014 02 |
| Morristown | | 9 00 | | | | | 1,560 00 | 10 00 | 1,579 00 |
| Mountain Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | | | | | | | | | |
| Northfield | 32 76 | 227 60 | 138 44 | 209 10 | 66 30 | 6 97 | 2,000 00 | 369 65 | 3,050 82 |
| Owatonna | | 57 00 | 10 77 | 61 98 | 36 05 | | 1,500 00 | 25 12 | 1,690 92 |
| Prairieville, East | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Providence | | | 8 00 | | | | 8 00 | | 16 00 |
| Rose Creek | | 4 00 | | | | | 125 00 | | 129 00 |
| Sherburne | | 1 60 | 1 30 | | | | 100 00 | 4 00 | 106 90 |
| South Bend | | | | | | | 75 00 | | 75 00 |
| Sterling | | | | | | | | | |
| Waseca | | 21 25 | 10 00 | 11 83 | 5 46 | | 1,150 00 | | 1,198 54 |
| Waterville | | | | | | | 40 00 | | 40 00 |
| Westford | | 2 20 | | 1 46 | | | 75 00 | 3 00 | 81 66 |
| Worthington | | 17 51 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 10 79 | | 688 35 | | 727 65 |
| | $ | $1,162 06 | $323 51 | $508 94 | $168 78 | $6 97 | $18,410 92 | $580 02 | $21,061 46 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excomm'td. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sabbath School. | Average Attendance. |
| Amiret | 1878 | 7 | 17 | P. Peregrine | 1876 | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 40 | 25 |
| Appleton | 1879 | 10 | 16 | C. A. Ruddock | 1879 | .... | 7 | 12 | 19 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | 25 |
| Burns | 1876 | 6 | 18 | Geo. Holden | 1879 | .... | 5 | 9 | 14 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | 35 |
| Clifton | 1879 | 9 | 24 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 9 | 12 | .... | 4 | 8 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | ..... |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | C. H. Davis | 1877 | .... | 17 | 23 | 40 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 16 | .. | 1 | .... | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | 40 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | Jesse L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 11 | 11 | 22 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 40 | 35 |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | Dennis Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 30 | 18 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | .... | .... | Dennis Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 2 | 5 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | 2 | 20 | 15 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 21 | Geo. Holden | 1879 | .... | 20 | 22 | 42 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | .... | .... | 32 | 56 |
| Marshall | 1874 | 9 | 6 | S. J. Rogers | 1874 | 1875 | 24 | 52 | 76 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 13 | .... | .... | 60 | 40 |
| Marshfield | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Wm. Wilson | 1879 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 25 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 11 | Dennis Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 9 | 14 | 23 | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 40 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | Jesse L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 14 | 20 | 34 | .... | 1 | 5 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 144 | 40 |
| Ortonville | 1879 | 9 | 7 | C. A. Ruddock | .... | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | .... | 10 | 1 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 6 | 10 | Victor E. Loba | 1879 | .... | 14 | 15 | 29 | 6 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 50 | 20 |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 11 | 4 | H. C. Simmons | 1878 | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 25 | 10 |
| " —Bethel | 1875 | 1 | 20 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 21 | 22 | 43 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .. | 5 | 6 | .... | 5 | 55 | 40 |
| Underwood | 1876 | 5 | 16 | S. J. Rogers | 1875 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .... | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 3 | .... | ..... |
| Walnut Station | 1874 | 8 | 23 | H. C. Simmons | 1875 | .... | 22 | 33 | 55 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 100 | 75 |
| | | | | | | | 203 | 295 | 498 | 30 | 45 | 44 | 89 | 2 | 22 | 6 | 30 | 15 | 17 | 846 | 539 |

Executive Committee—Rev. H. C. Simmons, Walnut Station; Revs. J. L. Fonda, C. A. Ruddock. Registrar—Rev. J. L. Fonda, Morris.

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Educ'l Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M | A. C. U. | Congregatl Publicat'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amiret | | $1 00 | | | | | | | $1 00 |
| Benson | | | | | | | | | |
| Burns | | | | | | | $407 30 | | 407 30 |
| Clifton | | | | | | | | | |
| Granite Falls | | 12 00 | | $3 00 | 3 00 | | 462 40 | | 480 40 |
| Hancock | | 3 81 | | | | | 160 00 | | 163 81 |
| Havelock | | 91 | | | | | 26 00 | | 26 91 |
| Lac qui Parle | | 1 50 | | | | | 30 00 | | 31 50 |
| Lamberton | | | | | 5 00 | | 250 00 | | 255 00 |
| Marshall | | 20 00 | | 8 00 | 50 00 | | 600 00 | $20 00 | 698 00 |
| Marshfield | | | | | | | 300 00 | | 300 00 |
| Montevideo | | 6 75 | | | | | 200 00 | | 206 75 |
| Morris | | 17 36 | $2 68 | 5 36 | | | 1,555 36 | 25 00 | 1,605 76 |
| Ortonville | | | | | | | | | |
| Sleepy Eye | | 20 00 | | | | | 662 00 | | 682 00 |
| Tracy—Union | | 4 54 | | | | | | | 4 54 |
| Custer—Bethel | | 12 50 | | | | | | | 12 50 |
| Underwood | | 3 00 | | | | | 40 00 | | 43 00 |
| Walnut Station | | 15 50 | | | | | 585 00 | 10 00 | 610 50 |
| Total | | $118 87 | $2 68 | $16 36 | $58 00 | | $5,278 06 | $55 00 | $5,528 97 |

# WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB., Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZ'D. Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excom'm'c'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | No. in Sabbath School. | Av. Attendance. |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 31 | C. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 32 | 35 | 67 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | .... | 6 | ... | .... | 110 | 70 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 8 | 28 | C. A. Conant | .... | .... | 16 | 19 | 35 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 55 | ..... |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 15 | 16 | 31 | 19 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 40 |
| Granger | 1878 | 11 | x. | A. S. McConnell | 1878 | .... | 3 | 9 | 12 | .. | 12 | .... | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 35 | 30 |
| Hamilton | 1869 | 6 | 21 | F. S. Fuller | 1874 | 1875 | 34 | 38 | 72 | 7 | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .... | 120 | 85 |
| High Forest | 1860 | 7 | 21 | E. P. Crane | .... | .... | 4 | 6 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | Perrin B. Fisk | 1877 | 1878 | 38 | 82 | 120 | 28 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 176 | 92 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | Chas. W. Wiley | 1877 | .... | 5 | 11 | 16 | 1 | .. | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 170 | 75 |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 5 | 19 | H. K. Painter | 1879 | .... | 10 | 34 | 44 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | 75 | 55 |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | Henry Willard | 1863 | .... | 63 | 95 | 158 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | .... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 196 | 106 |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | .... | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | 20 |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 8 | J. W. Bradshaw | 1879 | ... | 45 | 95 | 140 | 35 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 7 | .... | 9 | .... | .... | 120 | 80 |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | Wm. W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 17 | 27 | 44 | 14 | ... | 1 | 1 | .... | 3 | 2 | 5 | .... | 2 | 60 | 50 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 25 | H. L. Craven (Pres.) | 1876 | .... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 32 | 20 |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 26 | H. B. Tuttle | 1879 | .... | 22 | 53 | 75 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | .... | 7 | .... | .... | 100 | 85 |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | Unsupplied | 1879 | .... | 57 | 83 | 140 | 9 | 23 | 2 | 25 | .... | 6 | 1 | 7 | 12 | .... | 185 | 130 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. W. Ray | 1877 | .... | 31 | 67 | 98 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 100 | 70 |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | J. H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | 73 | 175 | 248 | 35 | 11 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 550 | 300 |
| Yucatan | 1878 | 10 | 16 | Wm. W. Snell | 1877 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 30 | 21 |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | Charles H. Rogers | 1879 | ... | 52 | 92 | 144 | 18 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 250 | 160 |
| | | | | | | | 545 | 973 | 1518 | 263 | 56 | 37 | 93 | 13 | 47 | 9 | 69 | 24 | 16 | 2444 | 1489 |

Executive Committee.—Rev. J. H. Morley, Winona; Revs. H. Willard, W. W. Snell. Registrar—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Lake City.

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | College and Ed. Society | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. C.U. | Cong'l Publicat'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | | $32 71 | | $10 00 | | | $700 00 | | $742 71 |
| Douglass | | | | | | | | | |
| Elgin | | | | | | | | | |
| Granger | | | | | | | 150 00 | | 150 00 |
| Hamilton | | 13 00 | $9 00 | 9 00 | $5 00 | | 575 00 | | 611 00 |
| High Forest | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake City | | 68 50 | 35 60 | 15 25 | 20 00 | | 1,500 00 | $177 08 | 1,816 43 |
| Lenora | | 7 50 | | | | | 150 00 | | 157 50 |
| Mazeppa | | | | | 2 25 | | 260 00 | | 262 25 |
| Plainview | | 54 25 | 48 00 | 50 00 | 27 50 | | 1,000 00 | 100 00 | 1,279 75 |
| Quincy | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | | | | | | | | | |
| Rushford | | 40 22 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | 651 00 | 34 00 | 735 22 |
| Saratoga | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Charles | | 19 75 | | | | | 925 00 | | 944 75 |
| Spring Valley | $7 10 | 83 45 | 53 75 | 85 45 | 11 20 | $4 10 | 1,004 50 | | 1,249 55 |
| Wabasha | | | | | | | 738 00 | | 738 00 |
| Winona | 5 17 | 265 50 | 102 81 | 301 04 | 38 53 | | 3,993 46 | 371 78 | 5,078 29 |
| Yucatan | | 7 54 | | | | | 50 00 | 2 75 | 60 29 |
| Zumbrota | 13 27 | 88 50 | 13 80 | 118 64 | 11 46 | 7 41 | 1,350 00 | 18 77 | 1,621 85 |
| Total | $25 54 | $680 92 | $267 96 | $594 38 | $115 94 | $11 51 | $13,046 96 | $704 38 | $15,447 59 |

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | MINISTERS. | | | | | MEMBERS, Sept. 1, 1879. | | | | ADDED | | | REMOVED. | | | BAPTISMS | | | SABBATH SCHOOL. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Churches. | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates. | Without Charge. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Deaths. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Whole Number. | Av. Attendance. |
| Anoka | 36 | | 13 | ... | 15 | 37 | 818 | 1457 | 2275 | 220 | 162 | 171 | 333 | 26 | 70 | 6 | 102 | 87 | 48 | 3955 | 2247 |
| Northern Pacific | 18 | | 8 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 166 | 218 | 384 | 53 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 4 | 20 | 4 | 28 | 6 | 8 | 781 | 511 |
| Owatonna | 41 | 4 | | 1 | 9 | 33 | 779 | 1163 | 1942 | 223 | 139 | 137 | 276 | 14 | 111 | 6 | 131 | 61 | 37 | 3191 | 2163 |
| Western | 20 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 203 | 295 | 498 | 30 | 45 | 44 | 89 | 2 | 22 | 6 | 30 | 15 | 17 | 846 | 539 |
| Winona | 20 | | 9 | .... | 3 | 15 | 545 | 973 | 1518 | 263 | 56 | 37 | 93 | 13 | 47 | 9 | 69 | 24 | 16 | 2444 | 1489 |
| Total | 135 | 5 | 38 | 3 | 29 | 106 | 2511 | 4106 | 6617 | 789 | 418 | 421 | 839 | 59 | 270 | 31 | 360 | 193 | 126 | 11217 | 6949 |

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 2—BENEVOLENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CONFERENCES. | College and Educl. Society. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A.B.C.F.M | A.C.U. | Congrega'l Publicat'n Society. | Church Expenses. | Other Objects. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | $48 31 | $1672 63 | $491 76 | $1187 52 | $349 54 | $23 76 | $38,441 88 | $948 23 | $43,163 63 |
| Northern Pacific | ..... | 409 76 | 45 64 | 35 87 | 4 60 | ..... | 3,871 55 | 32 00 | 4,399 02 |
| Owatonna | 62 76 | 1162 06 | 323 51 | 508 94 | 168 78 | 6 97 | 18,410 92 | 540 52 | 21,053 46 |
| Western | ..... | 118 87 | 2 68 | 16 36 | 58 00 | ..... | 5,278 06 | 55 00 | 5,528 97 |
| Winona | 25 54 | 680 02 | 267 96 | 594 38 | 115 94 | 11 51 | 13,046 96 | 704 38 | 15,447 59 |
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WM. CHENEY, Statistical Secretary, Minneapolis.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1879.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong, R. S. | 1856, | 10, | 6 | Pastor | Alma City | Owatonna. |
| Barnes, J. R. | 1838, | | | Without Charge | Owatonna | Winona. |
| Barteau, S. H. | 1851, | 2, | 19 | Acting Pastor | Crookston | Winona. |
| Beard, Henry B. | | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Beard, R. A. | 1879, | 9, | 10 | Pastor. | Brainerd | Northern Pacific. |
| Bradshaw, J. W. | 1851, | 11, | 4 | | Rochester | Elgin, Ill. |
| Burt, David | 1874, | 10, | 29 | State Supt. Pub. Inst. | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846, | 4, | 22 | Acting Pastor | Glencoe | Northern. |
| Chaney, Lucien W. | 1852, | 12, | 29 | Pastor | Mankato | Owatonna. |
| Campbell, Gabriel | 1868, | 10, | 28 | Prof. State University | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Chapin, N. C. | 1851, | 11, | 2 | Without Charge | Rochester | Owatonna. |
| Cheeseman, C. P. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | St. Olaf | |
| Clark, Nelson | 1844, | 7, | 16 | Without Charge | Stillwater | |
| Cobb, L. H | 1857, | 10, | 28 | Supt. A. H. M. Society | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Conant, Charles A. | 1864, | 6, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Cannon Falls | |
| Cory, I. L. | 1879, | 9, | 16 | Pastor | Sauk Center | |
| Crane, Edward P. | | | | Acting Pastor | High Forest | Winona. |
| Cross, Roland S. | 1876, | 10, | 18 | Acting Pastor | Anoka | |
| Cutler, W. A. | 1868, | 6, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | Owatonna. |
| Davis, C. H. | 1877, | 12, | 1 | Acting Pastor | Granite Falls | |
| Denley, William | 1878, | 7, | 3 | Acting Pastor | Wadena | Northern. |
| Dana, M. M. G., D. D. | 1863, | | | Pastor | St. Paul | Northern Pacific. |
| Douglass, E. | 1855, | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis. | |
| Dowd, Q. L. | 1875, | 12, | 12 | Acting Pastor | Alexandria | St. Croix Valley. |
| Drake, A. J | 1845, | | | Acting Pastor | Dodge Center | Winona. |
| Eells, D. B. | 1861, | | | Acting Pastor | Fairmont | Davenport, Iowa. |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, | 2, | 27 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Fisk, P. B. | 1863, | 10, | 1 | Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876, | 6, | 13 | Pastor | Freeborn | Owatonna. |

## MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1879.—Continued.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fonda, Jesse L. | 1873, | 9, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Morris | Marshall. |
| Fuller, Francis L | 1843, | 9, | 8 | Pastor | Hamilton | Winona. |
| Gill, William | 1863, | 5, | 26 | Acting Pastor | Mantorville | Owatonna. |
| Goodsell, Dennis | 1877, | 10, | 2 | Acting Pastor | Montevideo | |
| Graves, Alpheus | 1841, | 11, | 11 | Acting Pastor | Medford | Garnaville, Iowa. |
| Hanna, C. W | 1877, | 8, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Worthington | Owatonna. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, | 8, | 8 | Without Charge | St. Paul | Northern. |
| Hart, E. J. | 1856, | 1, | 2 | Without Charge | Cottage Grove | St. Croix Valley. |
| Higgins, J. E. | 1875, | 10, | 19 | Acting Pastor | Fergus Falls. | Eastern Michigan. |
| Henderson, David | 1874, | 12, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Princeton | Wyoming Conf., N. Y. |
| Holden, George | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Lamberton | |
| Hood, George | 1848, | 6, | | Acting Pastor | Afton | |
| Hood, Geo. A | 1869, | 9, | 30 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878, | 12, | 12 | Pastor | Dassell | |
| Hunt, N. A | 1846, | | | Acting Pastor | Sterling | Owatonna. |
| Huntington, George | 1864, | 5, | 18 | Prof. Carleton Coll. | Northfield | Chicago, Ill. |
| Jenkins, W. M | 1865, | 9, | 17 | Acting Pastor | Elk River | Northern. |
| Johnson, George | 1872, | 11, | 13 | Acting Pastor | Scambler | Northern Pacific. |
| Jones, T. G | 1867, | 2, | 22 | Acting Pastor | Mankato | Welsh. Cong., Iowa. |
| Kellogg, S. H. | 1857, | 11, | 10 | Without Charge | Preston Lake | Elgin, Ill. |
| Kinne, T. C | 1875, | 6, | 28 | Pastor | Two Rivers | Northern. |
| Krbs, Ludwic | 1843, | 1, | 5 | Without Charge | Hawley. | Northern Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1843, | 2, | 24 | Acting Pastor | Glenwood | Northern. |
| Leonard, D. L. | 1863, | 1, | 8 | Acting Pastor | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Loba, V. E | 1879, | 6, | 13 | Acting Pastor | Sleepy Eye | |
| Loring, L. | 1862, | 7, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Cottage Grove | Owatonna. |
| Lyman, E. | | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| McConnell, A. S. | | | | Acting Pastor | Cresco, Ia. | |
| Merrill, E. W | 1864, | 4, | 5 | Without Charge | Spring Valley | Winona. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Merrill, C. W. | 1873, | 10, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Morehouse, D. A | 1865, | 6, | 18 | Acting Pastor | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Morley, J. H. | 1867. | 1, | 2 | Pastor | Winona | Winona. |
| Morse, Alfred | 1847, | 6, | 7 | Without Charge | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Moses, L. H. | 1877, | 11, | 24 | Acting Pastor | Rose Creek | Owatonna. |
| Northcott, T. C. | 1875, | 5, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Faribault | |
| Painter, H. K. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Mazeppa | Cleveland, O. |
| Pelton, George S. | 1877, | 5, | 15 | Acting Pastor | Glyndon | Northern Pacific. |
| Peregrine, Philip | 1860, | 3, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Tracy | Marshall. |
| Pierce, N. H | 1861, | | | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Pike, A. J. | 1869, | 3, | 9 | Without Charge | Sauk Center | Northern. |
| Ray, J. W. | 1858, | 1, | 28 | Acting Pastor | Lake City | Winona. |
| Roe, A. D | 1867, | 2, | 5 | Without Charge | Afton | St. Croix Valley. |
| Renshaw, J. B. | 1879, | 9, | 30 | Acting Pastor | Hutchinson | |
| Rogers, C. H. | 1877, | | | Acting Pastor | Zumbrota | |
| Rogers, S. J. | | | | Acting Pastor | Marshall | Reformed Church. |
| Rosenkrans, D. W | 1875, | 6, | | Pastor | Little Falls | Northern. |
| Rounce, J. S | 1852, | 2, | | Acting Pastor | Brownsdale | |
| Ruddock, C. A. | 1862, | 5, | 29 | Acting Pastor | Appleton | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Simmons, H. C. | 1872, | 5, | 8 | Acting Pastor | Walnut Station | Marshall. |
| Simpson, A | 1876, | 10, | 1 | Acting Pastor | Sterling | Owatonna. |
| Shedd, C. | 1842, | 3, | 24 | Without Charge | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, C. B. | 1851, | 10, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Excelsior | Northern. |
| Smith, O. M. | 1863, | 2, | 25 | Acting Pastor | Hawley | |
| Smith, P. S. | 1864, | 4, | 16 | Acting Pastor | Clearwater | Northern. |
| Snell, W. W. | 1859, | 10, | 10 | Acting Pastor | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr, O. A. | 1871, | 4, | 6 | Without Charge | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Stimson, H. A. | 1870, | 5, | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Stevens, M. A. | 1861, | 12, | 9 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | |
| Strong, J. C. | 1846, | 11, | 16 | Without Charge | Chain Lake Center | Owatonna. |
| Strong, J. W., D. D | 1862, | 9, | 28 | President Carleton Coll | Northfield | Owatonna. |

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| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS | ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sutherland, William L. | Licentiate. | | | Acting Pastor | Morristown | |
| Slater, Charles | 1864, | 7, | 6 | Acting Pastor | Lu Verne and Clinton | Sn. Illinois. |
| Stearns, J. G. D. | 1843, | 5, | 10 | Without Charge | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Terry, C. M | 1871, | 11, | 2 | Without Charge | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Tracy, M. M. | 1877, | 7, | 25 | Pastor | Duluth | Northern Pacific. |
| Tuttle, H. B | 1874, | 1, | 20 | Acting Pastor | St. Charles | Owatonna. |
| Walcott, F. N. | 1877, | 12, | 6 | Acting Pastor | Osakis | Northern. |
| Weld, William M. | 1852, | 5, | 14 | Without Charge | Mazeppa | Winona. |
| Wilkinson, T. R. | 1876, | 11, | 10 | Without Charge | Atwater | |
| Wiley, Charles W. | 1875, | 9, | 30 | Acting Pastor | Lenora | |
| Williams, E. M | 1869, | 2, | 25 | Pastor | Minneapolis E. D. | Northern. |
| Williams, E. S | 1864, | 6, | 10 | Pastor | Minneapolis | Northern. |
| Willard, Henry | 1858, | 10, | 20 | Acting Pastor | Plainview | Winona. |
| Wilson, William | 1870, | 3, | 1 | Acting Pastor | Marshfield | Northern. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859, | 5, | 18 | Without Charge | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Wright, C. E | 1871, | 6, | 2 | Pastor | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Wright, R. B | 1877, | 12, | 26 | Acting Pastor | Dexter | New Haven, East Ct. |
| Zercher, H. J. | 1879, | 5, | 9 | Acting Pastor | Detroit | |

## CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex-officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress, and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon, from one appointed at a previous meeting.

Art. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

Art. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse; and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

Art. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Art. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

Art. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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## BY-LAWS OF CONFERENCE.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary, or pastor of the church with which the Conference meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which, a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name and church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Conference, who shall nominate committee on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Conference, shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing, and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, posponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

12. The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of councils whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed, or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

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## CONSTITUTION OF MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

Art. 2. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

Art. 3. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the Gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

Art. 4. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each Local Conference, and a Board of Directors.

Art. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

Art. 6. The Executive Committee, shall be chosen annually by the Society, upon the nomination of the Local Conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the Local Conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as

shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make a written report to the Society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as Chairman, and another as Secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require, together with the Chairman of the Conference Committees; shall nominate, in case of vacany, the Superintendents to the parent Society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the appointment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the Society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent Society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several Executive Committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the Society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent Society. He shall also make an annual report to the Society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent Society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent Society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the Word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent Society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the Society.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *Provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Society shall be called the "Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society."

Sec. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

Sec. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its treasury.

Sec. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

Sec. 5. The duties of these officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions.

Sec. 6. The officers named in Sec. 4, with three Directors to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the Society not otl e wise provided for.

Sec. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership, and promote the interests of the Society.

Sec. 8. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with, the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

Sec. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society, provided that Sec. 2 and 3 be not materially changed, and the said 2d and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

Sec. 10. The Society may establish its own By-Laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

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### CALENDAR FOR 1879-80.

Examinations to enter College Department, Sept. 9th, 1879.
Fall Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 1879. and ends Dec. 19th, 1879.
Term Examinations, Dec. 15th-19th, 1879.
Winter Term begins Wednesday, January 7th, 1880, and ends March 26th, 1880.
Term Examinations, March 22-26th, 1880.
Spring Term begins Wednesday, April 7th, and ends June 24th, 1880.
Term Examinations, June 21st-23d, 1880.
Examinations to enter College Department, June 18th and 19th, and Sept. 7th, 1880.
Anniversary Exercises, June 20th-24th, 1880.
Fall Term begins Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 1880.

### COURSES OF STUDY.

The *Classical Course* embraces the usual four years of classical study, and requires three years of *preparatory* work. The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon those who complete it.

The *Literary Course* occupies the same time as the Classical, and differs from it only by substituting literary and scientific studies for Greek. Its graduates will receive the degrees of Bachelor of Literature.

The *Scientific Course*, omitting all Greek, and all the Latin subsequent to its freshman year, gives greater prominence to the study of the sciences, and, after two years of preparation, continues four years. Its graduates receive the degrees of Bachelor of Science.

The *English Course*, extending over four years, is arranged for those whose time and means will not allow them to secure a classical education. A certificate is given to those who complete this course.

While students are advised to enter upon some regular course, *they are not required to do this*, but may select from the different courses, such branches as are regularly taught; due regard being paid to their present attainments, and the length of time to be spent in study. An Eclectic Course, covering a wide range of study, can then be pursued.

Practical lectures upon exercise, diet, physical habits and kindred topics, are given from time to time.

An Astronomical Observatory has been fully equipped, and daily time-signals, giving the standard time, are sent to the principal cities of the State, and to many points beyond the State.

### REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.

PREPARATORY AND ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS.

To *commence* the Preparatory Course, or the English Course, only such advancement is necessary as will enable the student to pursue either with profit. *For these no examination is required.* The studies of the first term are: Olney's Science of Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Latin Grammar and Reader, or United States History.

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

All candidates for admission to the *Classical Course* of the College Department must pass a written examination in the following named branches:

*English*—Grammar, Physical Geography, United States History, Ancient and Mediæval History.

*Mathematics*—Arithmetic, Olney's Algebra to Part III, Geometry, six books.

*Latin*—Harkness' Latin Grammar, Harkness' Latin Composition to Part III; Cæsar, two books; Cicero, six orations; Virgil, five books of the Æneid.

*Greek*—Crosby's Greek Grammar, Jones' Greek Prose Composition, Xenophon's Anabasis, three books; Homer's Iliad, two books.

For admission to the Literary and Scientific Courses, somewhat similar examinations—modified by the omission of Greek and the introduction of some special studies—are required. For specific statement of these, and also for full course of study, reference is made to the Annual Catalogue.

☞As the classification is made upon the *first day* of the term, and work commenced *immediately*, it is greatly to the advantage of all students to be present at the opening of the term, and especially so at the commencement of a new year, when the regular classes in Greek, Latin and Modern Languages are formed.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

But few specific rules are announced, since all are expected to be exemplary in manners and morals.

Students should enter promptly at the beginning of each term, and remain until its close. Absence during term time is permitted only for urgent reasons. Strict observance of study hours and punctual attendance on all prescribed exercises, are required.

Students regularly attend devotional exercises in the Chapel, and public worship on the Sabbath, at such Church as they may designate.

Intemperance, profanity, the use of tobacco in any form, dancing, playing at cards or billiards, and whatsoever hinders the highest mental and moral culture, or violates the courtesy due to fellow students, are prohibited.

Except by special permission, no one is allowed at any time to visit the room of a student of the other sex.

### LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Ladies reside with the lady teachers in a separate building, but both sexes meet in all general exercises, are instructed in the same classes, enjoy the same privileges, and may take the same degrees.

### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT,

Instruction is given upon the Piano Forte and Cabinet Organ; in Chorus Singing Notation and Cultivation of the voice.

With the approval of the Faculty, students may substitute music for certain studies esteemed equivalent.

### BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The charge of the boarding department and the domestic affairs of the College family at Ladies' Hall are committed to the responsible direction of the Matron under the general supervision of the Executive Committee. It is designed, so far as possible to secure for every young lady entering the family, the influences and privileges of a Christian home. All the lady teachers reside there and board at the same table with the students. It is not proposed to make the boarding hall a source of profit to the College, but to furnish to teachers and students good and acceptable board, at the lowest practicable rate.

### OUTFIT.

The rooms in the Ladies' Hall are furnished with stoves, chairs, tables, washstand, bureaus, mattresses and bedsteads; and those of Willis Hall with the same, excepting mattresses.

☞ All other furniture—bed, bedding, lamp, curtains, &c.—must be supplied by the occupants.

### REDUCED RAILROAD FARE.

Arrangements have been made with the leading railroad companies of the State, whereby *enrolled students* upon certificate of attendance can procure tickets at reduced rates, at offices designated by the several companies.

### SELF-SUPPORT.

A few students are engaged for a short time each day in the care of the College buildings, in preparing fuel, or in services at the Boarding Hall. Those who are in earnest, and have tact in helping themselves, will receive all possible encouragement, and may earn a considerable part of their support.

### EXPENSES.

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| Board in College Building, per week, (tea and coffee extra) | $2 50 |
| Tuition—Higher English Classics, Fall Term | 9 00 |
| " " " " Winter and Spring Terms, each | 7 50 |
| Tuition—Common English, Fall Term | 7 00 |
| " " " Winter and Spring Terms, each | 5 50 |
| Room rent, per term | 3 00 |
| Incidentals, per term | 1 00 |

### EXTRAS.

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| Tuition—Piano or Cabinet Organ, per lesson of one-half hour | 50 |
| " Cultivation of the Voice, per lesson of one-half hour | 50 |
| Use of Piano or Organ per term, one hour each day | 2 00 |

Board bills are due every four weeks in advance, and term bills at the beginning of each term.

No deductions will be made except in case of sickness which continues for a month or more, unless by special agreement when the student enters. No term bills made out for less than half a term.

Students can supply themselves with fuel at an expense of about $5 per cord; and those wishing board in private families (including room, fuel and lights) can secure it at about $4 per week.

Application for board and rooms should be made as early as possible. Inquiries relating to studies, classes, text books and examinations may be addressed to any of the instructors, but all general correspondence may be directed to

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During the year ending March 31, 1879, this society employed 946 missionaries—fifty less than the year previous, including those superintending the work. These are distributed in thirty-four States and Territories, two more than the last year; 416 of these had charge of single congregations; 274 had two or three congregations each; 256 had still larger fields. Three missionaries labored among colored people; fifteen among the Welsh; ten among Germans; two among the French; two among the Swedes. Number in Sunday Schools, 87,573. Sixty-one missionaries report revivals of religion. Converts reported, 3,245; 5,232 have been added to the churches; 3,049 on profession of faith; and 2,183 by letters from other churches. Seventy-eight churches were organized. Forty-seven assumed self-support. Sixty-one houses of worship were completed; seventy-seven repaired or improved; fifteen others commenced. Thirty-eight young men in the missionary churches, preparing for the ministry. Receipts, $343,691.53—$10,754.56 less than last year, owing to a decrease of $17,902.75 from legacies. Living contributors gave $7,107.84 more than last year.

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Twenty-four new points have been opened within the year; several more wait for occupancy. The churches responded nobly to calls for the work, but it cannot be carried through for less than $5,000 from the state. All moneys taken by the Missionary as contributions to the work of the A. H. M. S. will be reported by him as paid on salary from New York. Self-supporting churches please send to the Treasurer, as above.

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# NOTICE.

THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA was organized at St. Anthony, (East Minneapolis,) Oct. 24th, 1856, and so will reach its quarter centennial in 1881.

The 26th annual meeting will be held in ROCHESTER, the SECOND WEDNESDAY OF OCTOBER. Preacher, Rev. C. E. Wright, and alternate, Rev. Wm. Gill.

# THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.

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During the year ending March 31, 1880, this society employed 1,015 missionaries, 69 more than in the year previous, including those superintending the work. These are distributed in thirty-three States and Territories; 457 of these had charge of single congregations; 362 had two or three congregations, each; 196 had still larger fields. Four missionaries labored among colored people; sixteen among the Welsh; nine among Germans; two among the French; one among the Swedes. Number in Sunday Schools, 96,724. Sixty-two missionaries report revivals of religion. Converts reported, 3,200; 5,598 have been added to the churches—2,940 on profession of faith, and 2,658 by letters from other churches. Eighty-six churches were organized; forty-seven assumed self-support. Seventy-six houses of worship were completed; one hundred and seven repaired or improved; fifteen others commenced. Thirty-eight young men in the missionary churches preparing for the ministry. Receipts, $280,122.00.

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The board has 7 missions, with 75 stations and 639 out-stations. Of laborers employed, 156 ordained missionaries, and in all 416 sent from this country. Has, besides, 142 native pastors, 425 native preachers and catechists, and 528 native school teachers. Whole number of laborers, 1,685. The number of churches is 272, of church members, 17,165, of additions during the year, 2,485. Of training and theological schools there are 29, with 1,051 pupils; of boarding schools for girls, 37, with 1,361 pupils; and of common schools, 709, with 25,374 pupils.

The receipts of the last year were, from donations, $347,424.00; from legacies, $71,409.00; from the Otis estate, $182,787.00. Total receipts, $613,540.00.

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This society has of churches in the South, 73; in Africa, 2; among the Indians, 1. Total, 76, with 5,084 members. Has of chartered institutions, in the South, 8; of graded Normal Schools, 12, and of other schools, 51. Total, 71. Of teachers, missionaries and assistants, it sustains among the Freedmen, 253; among the Chinese, 21; among the Indians, 9; and in Africa, 13. Total, 306. Of students there are, in Theology, 86; Law, 28; in college course, 63; in other studies, 9,843. Total. 10,020. The receipts of last year were, from donations, $187,480.00; from the Stone legacy, $150,000.

# THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

## (CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.)

REV. W. B. BROWN, D. D., Secretary, No. 59 Bible House, New York, N. Y.; N. A. CALKINS, Treasurer, 59 Bible House, New York.

The receipts of this society last year, were $37,175.00, as against $23,509.00 the year before. Of this amount, $1,092.00 came from Minnesota. Help was given towards the erection of forty-two churches, of which four are in Minnesota—Dodge Center, Marshall, Morristown, and Tracy. To these four, $2,494.00 were granted.

# AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. INCREASE N. TARBOX, D. D., Secretary, 10 Congregational House, Boston; JAMES M. GORDON, ESQ., Treasurer. No. 10 Congregational House, Boston.

# CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

GEORGE P. SMITH, Agent, No. 1 Somerset st., Boston.

# HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

| Organized Oct. 24, 1856. | | Place of Meeting. | Moderator. | Recording Secretary. | Corresponding Secretary. | Statistical Secretary. | Preacher and Text. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Meeting 2nd Wednesday in October. | 1856 | St. Anthony | Rev. S. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1 :4. |
| 2 | 1857 | Prescott, Wis | Rev. L. Armsby.... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 1 :7 |
| 3 | 1858 | Faribault.... | Rev. D. Andrews... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11. :15. |
| 4 | 1859 | Winona..... | Rev. C. Secombe.... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt ... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 3 :18 |
| 5 | 1860 | St. Paul..... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55 :10, 11. |
| 6 | 1861 | Anoka ..... | Rev. O. A. Thomas.. | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. S. Fisk, Phil. 4 :6. |
| 7 | 1862 | Northfield... | Rev. Chas. Shedd... | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2 :13. |
| 8 | 1863 | Lake City.. | Rev. W. R. Stevens. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17 :20, 21. |
| 9 | 1864 | Rochester... | Bro. C. M. Goodsell | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe, Prov. 24 10. |
| 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis | Bro. R. G. Lincoln.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2 :1. |
| 11 | 1866 | Faribault... | Bro. W. G. Capp.... | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev, A. B. Smith, Matt. 23 :8, |
| 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud.... | Rev. J. W. Strong... | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt .... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19 :11, 27. |
| 13 | 1868 | Austin..... | Bro. L. W. Furber.. | Rev. L. S. Griggs... | Rev. A. Fuller .. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. Fuller, Job. 40 :3 ; 42 :5, 6. |
| 14 | 1869 | Owa'onna... | Bro. J. L. Noyes.... | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4 :22, 12. |
| 15 | 1870 | Northfield .. | Bro. R. J. Baldwin.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4 :28. |
| 16 | 1871 | St. Anthony. | Rev. J. W. Strong.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. C. Salter, Is. 40 :3. |
| 17 | 1872 | Lake City... | Rev. S. H. Barteau. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom. 1 :16. |
| 18 | 1873 | St. Paul .... | Bro. H. W. Page ... | Rev. H. Bumsted.. | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. H. M. Tenney, Phil. 2 :15, 16. |
| 19 | 1874 | Winona..... | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3 :9-17. |
| 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis | Rev. L. H. Cobb..... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1 :16. |
| 21 | 1876 | Austin. ..... | Rev. E. M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. G. A. Hood, Eph. 3 :8. |
| 22 | 1877 | Faribault.... | Rev. David Burt.... | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. C. W. Merrill, 2 Tim. 4 :2. |
| 23 | 1878 | Mankato.... | Rev. D. L. Leonard. | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rv. L W.Chaney | Bro. W. Cheney. | Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16 :15, 16. |
| 24 | 1879 | E.Minn'polis | Hon. A. H. Young .. | Rev. G. A. Hood.... | Rv. L W.Chaney | Rev. G. A. Hood | Rev. D. L. Leonard, Heb. 11 :1. |
| 25 | 1880 | Northfield .. | Rev. L. W. Chaney.. | Rev. G. A. Hood.... | Rv. L W.Chaney | Rev. G. A. Hood | Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Matt. 28 :18, 19. |

# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Conference shall consist of all the evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity, which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor or Stated Supply, and one Delegate; and also of Missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society, engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Conference.

ART. 3 Ordained ministers, members of any church in this Conference, other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, shall be honorary members *ex officio* of the Conference; and other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress; and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Conference, except the right voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Conference shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall hold office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Conference shall meet on the second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., and continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be opened by a sermon from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference, shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference, shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## BY-LAWS.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Recording Secretary, or pastor of the church with which the Conference meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name and church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Conference, who shall nominate committee on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequent, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Conference, shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Conference shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13 of the Constitution shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing; and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Conference.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Conference, a Visiting Committee, of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

12. The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of councils whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed, or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that there is one God, the sole Creator, Preserver, and moral Governor of the universe; a spiritual being of infinite wisdom, power, justice, goodness and truth; self-existent, independent and unchangeable.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that they contain a complete and harmonious system of divine truth, and are our only perfect rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

Art. 3. We believe that, according to the Scriptures, the mode of the divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a three-fold distinction of persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one God, the same in essence, and in all divine attributes equal.

ART. 4. We believe that one supreme God has made all things for himself; that known unto him are all his works from the beginning, and that he has created and governs all things according to the holy and unchanging counsel of his own will; yet in such a manner that man is a free agent, and accountable for all his actions.

ART. 5. We believe that the divine law, and the principles of the divine government are perfectly holy, just and good.

ART. 6. We believe that the first parents of the human race were created holy, and fell from their original state by voluntarily transgressing the divine command, in the article of forbidden fruit.

ART. 7. We believe that, in consequence of their apostasy, all their posterity are born with hearts depraved and at enmity with God; so that, if left to themselves, they will invariably commit sin, and expose themselves to his wrath forever.

ART. 8. We believe that Christ the Son of God is the only Redeemer of sinners; that he took our nature upon him, and by his sufferings and death made a sufficient atonement for the sins of all men; so that God can now be just and yet the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.

ART. 9. We believe that, although the invitations of the Gospel are such that whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely, yet the depravity of the human heart is such that no man will come to Christ, except the Father, by the special and efficacious influences of his Spirit, draw him.

ART. 10. We believe that those who embrace the Gospel were chosen in Christ, before the world began; and that they are saved, not by works of righteousness which they have done, but according to the mercy of God, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

ART. 11. We believe that for those who exercise true faith in Christ, there is no condemation, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

ART. 12. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead; that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive sentence of just and final retribution, according to their respective works; and that from the judgment seat, the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

ART. 13. We believe that the Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that only believers of regular church standing can consistently partake of the holy supper; and that only visible believers, with their households, can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of Baptism.

## OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—REV. L. W. CHANEY.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR—D. C. BELL.

SCRIBES—REV. J. L. FONDA, REV. J. B. FAIRBANK.

RECORDING AND STATISTICAL SEC'RY—REV. G. A. HOOD, Minneapolis.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—REV. L. W. CHANEY, Mankato.

TREASURER—C. A. J. MARSH, Minneapolis.

AUDITOR—O. W. SHAW.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Business Committee*—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. George Huntington, C. A. J. Marsh.

*Of Arrangements*—Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Rev. H. B. Tuttle, O. O. Baldwin.

*On Printing and Finance*—Rev. D. L. Leonard, Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. C. Bell.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Rev. J. B. Fairbank, W. H. Howard.

*On Revivals*—Rev. M. M. G. Dana, Rev. E. S. Williams, S. Phœnix.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Rev. C. A. Ruddock, F. A. Richardson, W. H. Laird.

# MINUTES.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota met with the church at Northfield on Wednesday, October 13th, 1880, and listened to the annual sermon by Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, of Rochester; text Matt. 28: 18, 19.

After the sermon, the Conference was called to order by Rev. D. L. Leonard, and Rev. Q. L. Dowd was elected temporary Scribe.

By vote, the Business Committee was constituted a committee to nominate permanent officers; after which the Conference took a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## THURSDAY FORENOON.

The Conference was opened by a devotional meeting led by Rev. L. W. Chaney. The Recording Secretary called the Conference to order, and the roll was made out as follows:

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Afton, | George Hood, | Mrs. L. I. Olds. |
| Austin, | C. E. Wright, | O. W. Shaw. |
| Breckenridge, | J. O. Emerson. | |
| Brownsdale, | J. S. Rounce. | |
| Brownton, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Cannon Falls, | C. A. Conant. | |
| Claremont, | A. J. Drake, | N. B. Gallup. |
| Clearwater, | P. S. Smith, | Mrs. Z. Townsend. |
| Crookston, | S. H. Barteau. | |
| Dodge Center, | A. J. Drake, | G. D. Ingraham. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Douglas, | C. A. Conant. | |
| Duluth, | M. M. Tracy, | Mrs. M. M. Tracy. |
| Excelsior, | C. B. Sheldon, | O. O. Jaquith. |
| Faribault, | T. C. Northcott. | R. A. Mott. |
| Freeborn, | Wilbur Fisk. | |
| Freedom, | R. S. Armstrong. | |
| Glencoe, | Jos. Chandler, | Mrs. G. M. Chandler. |
| Gordon, | N. H. Pierce. | |
| Granite Falls, | G. W. Sargent. | |
| Glyndon, | | Mrs. A. M. Osborn. |
| Havelock, | D. Goodsell. | |
| High Forest, | E. P. Crane, | Edith Staple. |
| Hutchinson, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Lansing, | J. S. Rounce. | |
| Lake City, | P. B. Fisk, | Mrs. L. J. Collins. |
| Lac qui Parle, | D. Goodsell. | |
| Lakeland, | George Hood. | |
| Mankato, | L. W. Chaney, | Mrs. S. E. Chaney. |
| Mantorville, | William Gill. | |
| Mapleton, East, | R. S. Armstrong. | |
| Marine Mills, 1st, | C. H. Davis, | P. E. Walker. |
| Marine Mills, 2d, | C. H. Davis. | |
| Marshall, | S. J. Rogers. | |
| Mazeppa, | H. K. Painter, | Mrs. L. W. Bigelow. |
| Minneapolis, 1st, | E. M. Williams, | C. H. Stevens. |
| Minneapolis, Plymouth, | | D. C. Bell. |
| Minneapolis, 2d, | E. S. Williams, | Mrs. S. B. Grimshaw. |
| Minneapolis, Pilgrim, | G. H. Hood. | |
| Morris, | J. L. Fonda. | Mrs. M. A. Hulburd. |
| Morristown, | C. W. Bird, | J. B. Hopkins. |
| Northfield, | D. L. Leonard, | Prof. H. Goodhue. |
| Ortonville, | Arch. Hadden. | |
| Osakis, | N. H. Pierce, | Mrs. E. Pierce. |
| Owatonna, | D. A. Morehouse, | L. L. Wheelock. |
| Preston Lake, | | S. H. Kellogg. |
| Rochester, | J. W. Bradshaw, | O. N. Chadbourn. |
| Rose Creek, | L. H. Moses. | |
| St. Cloud, | N. C. Chapin. | |
| Sauk Center, | O. C. Clark. | |
| Sauk Rapids, | N. C. Chapin. | |
| Scambler, | George Johnson. | |
| Sherburne, | S. K. Perkins. | |
| Sleepy Eye, | W. A. Lyman, | D. I. Russell. |
| Spring Valley, | J. B. Fairbank. | |
| St. Charles, | H. B. Tuttle, | Etta V. Gerrish. |
| St. Paul, | M. M. G. Dana, | Rev. R. Hall. |

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| Stewartville, | E. P. Crane. | |
| Wabasha, | | Mrs. Chas. Parker. |
| Waseca, | C. W. Merrill, | Milton Craven. |
| Waterville, | C. W. Bird, | C. E. Alexander. |
| Winona. | J. H. Morley, | C. A. Tenney. |
| Zumbrota, | C. H. Rogers, | J. B. Locke. |

EX-OFFICERS AND HONORARY.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, Supt., A. H. M. S.
Rev. D. Burt, St. Paul.
Rev. Q. L. Dowd.
Rev. J. R. Barnes, Owatonna.
C. A. J. Marsh, Treasurer, Minneapolis.
President J. W. Strong, Carleton College.
Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Foster.
Rev. E. H. Alden, Waseca.
Rev. M. J. Drennan, Brooklyn, N. Y., Manhattan Ass'n.
Rev. G. E. Freeman, Abington, Mass.
Rev. F. N. Walcott, Osakis.
Rev. M. H. Smith, Kansas City Ass'n, Mo.
Rev. John Hinton, District Sec'y Bible Society.
Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, Zumbrota.
Rev. Noah Lathrop, (M. E.) Pine Island.
Rev. J. Rounds, (Bapt.) Northfield.
Rev. J. F. Wilcox, (Bapt.) Northfield.
Rev. Henry Willard, Fargo, D. T.
Rev. A. H. Pearson, Prof. Carleton College.
Rev. Geo. Huntington, Prof. Carleton College.
Rev. G. R. Hair (M. E.), Northfield.
Rev. H. M. Storrs, D. D., Sec. A. H. M. S.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D.D., Dist. Sec. Am. Board.
Rev. R. Forbes (M. E.), Fairbault.
Rev. A. Willey, Northfield.
Rev. W. W. Norton, New Richmond, Wis.

The Business Committee reported nominations for permanent officers, and the following were elected:

*Moderator*, Rev. L. W. Chaney; *Assistant Moderator*, D. C. Bell; *Scribe*, Rev. J. L. Fonda; *Assistant Scribe*, Rev. J. B. Fairbank; *Auditor*, O. W. Shaw; *Treasurer*, C. A. J. Marsh.

The Moderator led the Conference in Prayer.

The following persons were appointed a Nominating Committee: Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. S. H. Barteau, O. W. Shaw.

Rev. P. B. Fisk read the report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. (Appendix A.)

Rev. L. W. Chaney, Corresponding Secretary, made his report on the state of religion in the self-supporting churches. (Appendix B.) This also was referred to the Printing Committee.

The Conference was led in prayer by Rev. M. M. G. Dana and Richard Hall.

The report of the Treasurer, C. A. J. Marsh, was given and accepted. Voted that advertisements be inserted in the Minutes. It was voted, upon motion by Rev. E. S. Williams, that a committee of three be appointed from the Conference to confer with the Treasurer and Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society, and report if it be expedient at this time to enlarge the scope of this organization, and Revs. David Burt, E. S. Williams, and R. A. Mott were chosen.

A paper was then read by Rev. P. B. Fisk, on the "Methods of Developing the Teaching Power of Our Churches," and Prof. Horace Goodhue followed with remarks on the same theme.

Conference took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock, p. m. Conference met and a paper was presented on the "Restatement of Doctrine," by Rev. J. H. Morley. The paper was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. A discussion followed, in which Revs. Hall, Northcott, Storrs, Chandler and others shared.

Upon motion it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to memorialize the National Council to take such measures as may be deemed wise, to secure a restatement of the doctrinal faith of our Congregational Churches; the said memorial to be reported for approval to this Conference.

The following persons were appointed: Revs. J. H. Morley and P. B. Fisk, and Horace Goodhue.

After a recess of five minutes, a paper was offered by Rev. M. M. G. Dana, on "The Relation of Doctrine to Religious Life"; was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Discussion was engaged in by Revs. Barnes, Armstrong, S. J. Rogers and others.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following committees, which were elected:

*On Resolutions*—Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. D. A. Morehouse, J. L. Noyes.

*On Printing and Finance*—Rev. D. L. Leonard, Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. C. Bell.

*On Carleton College*—Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Rev. F. A. Richardson, W. H. Laird.

*Business Committee for Next Meeting.*—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. George Huntington, C. A. J. Marsh.

*Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises*—Rev. J. W. Bradshaw. Rev. H. B. Tuttle, O. O. Baldwin.

*Committee on Systematic Beneficence*—Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Rev. J. B. Fairbank, W. H. Howard.

*Committee on Revivals*—Rev. M. M. G. Dana, Rev. E. S. Williams. S. Phœnix.

*Delegates to National Council*—Revs. L. H. Cobb and J. W. Strong. *Alternates*—Wm. Windom, H. W. Page.

*Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society, for three years*—Rev. D. L. Leonard, Hiram Scriver.

Conference took a recess until 7:30 p. m.

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 p. m. the Conference was called to order by Rev. L. H. Cobb, to listen to addresses from the following persons: Rev. S. J. Humphrey, of Chicago, in behalf of the American Board, and also from Revs. Arch. Hadden of Ortonville, C. W. Bird, of Morristown, J. R. Barnes of Owatonna, and C. W. Merrill of Waseca, and after singing, from Rev. H. M. Storrs of New York City, in behalf of the American Home Missionary Society, and announcements, the Conference adjourned till tomorrow.

## FRIDAY FORENOON.

After a devotional meeting of a half hour led by Rev. H. B. Tuttle, Rev. R. Forbes, of Faribault, from the Minnesota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, presented the greetings of that body, and a recess was taken to make room for a session of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the Conference was called to order, and by vote listened to Rev. Geo. Huntington, in behalf of the American Congregational Union, and after the address, upon motion Mr. Huntington was appointed State Secretary for that society. It was also voted that the chairmen of the Missionary Committees be the representatives of the Union, in their several conferences.

The Nominating Committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Place of next meeting, Rochester; preacher, Rev. C. E. Wright; alternate, Rev. William Gill.

After prayer by Rev. M. H. Smith, of Missouri, the Conference took a recess to this evening.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 p. m. the Conference assembled, and the session was given to Carleton College, celebrating the tenth anniversary of President Strong's installation into his office, and re-dedicating Willis Hall, Rev. E. M. Williams, presiding. President Strong made his annual report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. (Appendix C.)

Rev. J. H. Morley reported in behalf of the Conference Visiting Committee, and addresses were made by Prof. Goodhue, Revs. E. S. Williams, J. R. Barnes, M. M. G. Dana, L. H. Cobb, A. H. Pearson and H. M. Storrs.

D. C. Bell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

The Conference of Congregational Churches of Minnesota, assembled in their twenty-fifth annual session, having reviewed the history of Carleton College during the past ten years, and recognizing therein signal blessings, abundant and continued favors from Almighty God, would express again their devout gratitude for the past and their feeling of dependence on Him for all success. In view of such a past and with such prospects—

*Resolved*, That Carleton College deserves the steadfast confidence and earnest support of all our churches, whose child it is most peculiarly.

*Resolved*, That we again pledge to this institution our prayers on its behalf, our efforts to secure for it a still larger patronage and our continued support in every endeavor to advance sound education and Christian culture.]

Rev. S. J. Humphrey, of Chicago, then offered the re-dedicatory prayer.

After announcements, singing and benediction, the Conference took a recess till to-morrow.

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## SATURDAY FORENOON.

The Conference was called to order, and the roll called and corrected.

A paper on "Special Providence" was then read by Rev. R. A. Beard.

The Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society, Rev. D. L. Leonard, made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. A short devotional meeting was held.

The committee on enlarging the scope of that Society, reported that there was found to be provision for the work in view. Voted that the collections of the Sabbath go to replenish its treasury.

A recess was taken till afternoon.

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 p. m. Conference called to order, and after singing Statistical Secretary Hood reported. Report accepted and referred.

A paper on "Systematic Beneficence" was read by Rev. G. A. Hood, followed by another from Rev. D. A. Morehouse.

Conference voted to discuss the subject for 30 minutes. Remarks were made by Rev. C. W. Merrill, E. M. Williams and others.

The report of the Committee on Overture to the National Council, was now made and adopted as follows:

The General Congregational Conference of Minnesota, respectfully requests the National Council of Congregational Churches to be held at St. Louis, Nov. 11, 1880, to take such means as will secure a declaration of faith common to our Congregational Churches.

We believe that the endorsement of the Savoy creed by the council of 1865, was too unqualified, and that as a denomination, we apparently stand committed to certain statements in that creed which we do not believe, and to other ambiguous statements which need to be carefully defined.

The declaration of the council of 1865 is hallowed by association with Plymouth Rock and Burial Hill. Portions of it are being adopted as creeds for new churches. We show no disrespect to this declaration when we express the conviction that it is wholly unfitted to be the creed of the local church, and that it does not definitely express our belief to our sister churches and to the world.

In our own commonwealth new churches are being rapidly formed. Some adopt one creed, some another. These new churches would be favoraby disposed towards a creed framed by the National Council.

It seems to us that the times are favorable to the formation of a new symbol. There is doctrinal unrest; good men examine the foundations of our faith. The creeeds of atheism, infidelity and agnosticism were never more widely promulgated than to-day. The Evangelical creed was never more plausibly caricatured than to-day.

If our churches, through the National Council, can have grace given to them to make a testifying statement of their belief in the old doctrines, and again so define these doctrines in modern phraseology, that the world shall know exactly what we believe, their action will stimulate thought and will promote discussion, the outcome of which will be favorable to evangelical truth. While such a symbol of doctrine would have no binding force upon our churches, possessing according to our Congregational polity, simply the force of its reasonableness, and its conformity to the Holy Scriptures, we believe it would be favorably received by that large body of men, women and children who love the Church and look to her teachings for their conceptions of truth.

Believing that while there are different philosophies of doctrine, the great body of our churches hold the simple doctrines of the Bible in their integrity, and that therefore a new symbol can be formed which may be generally approved, we submit our *overture*, and will pray that God will preserve the churches of our Puritan faith and order firm in their allegiance to the doctrines of the cross.

The greetings of the Minnesota Baptist Convention were read by the Scribe. Rev. E. S. Williams reported on his visit to

the M. E. Conference. The nominating Committee reported the following delegates to other bodies.

M. E. Conference, Rev. S. H. Barteau; Baptist Convention, Rev. M. M. G. Dana; Presbyterian Synod, Rev. C. E. Wright; United Brethren Conference, Rev. L. H. Cobb.

The following order was reported for services on the Sabbath:

At 9 a. m. Conference prayer meeting, led by Rev. L. H. Cobb; preaching in Willis Hall by S. J. Rogers; in Methodist Church by Rev. C. A. Conant; 1st Baptist Church, Rev. M. M. Tracy. Children's meeting at 2:30 p. m., led by Rev. E. S. Williams, in Methodist church. Communion services in Willis Hall led by Revs. C. W. Merrill and E. M. Williams, at 3:30. Evening services: Methodist Church, Rev. G. E. Freeman; Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Fairbank. General conference meeting in Willis Hall, led by Rev. Geo. Huntington.

Voted that the Registrars of the various local conferences be the Committee on Credentials.

Conference then took a recess until 7:30 this evening.

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## SATURDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 p. m. the Conference was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. F. N. Walcott.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following upon the payment of the State Bonds, which were accepted and adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We gladly observe the persistent endeavors of the Governor of this State to awaken the interest of our citizens in the financial credit of this commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, It is our duty as Christians continually to bear witness against all forms of dishonesty, and to arouse the public conscience, especially where we as citizens are involved in transactions generally regarded as fraudulent;

*Resolved*, That we hereby reaffirm our utterance made in 1876, with regard to the Minnesota State Railroad Bonds, viz:

"WHEREAS, Certain obligations of our commonwealth known as State Railroad Bonds, for the redemption of which the State has pledged her 'faith and credit,' still, to our public reproach and dishonor, remain unpaid, and, as respect both principal and interest, practically repudiated, and,

"WHEREAS, The validity of these bonds has been recognized, passed upon by the courts until it has been reviewed by the highest judicatory of the land, with the unvarying decision, that 'the State is bound by every consideration of honor and good faith to pay them,' so that there is no further room to question the obligation, and yet the State now stands in the position of refusing to meet her just obligations because of her sovereignty, in which she cannot be coerced, or made amenable to the tribunals of the land; and,

"WHEREAS, We believe it is the duty of the churches of Christ to oppose all immorality and injustice whether individual or corporate, and to demand integrity and honor in affairs of the state as well as of the church; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That as Christian citizens, and as representatives of our churches, suffering reproach from the dishonor of virtual State repudiation, we hold that every Christian member of the commonwealth is bound to do all in his power to arouse the public conscience to the moral obligation resting upon our State to remove this reproach, and by providing for a just and honorable settlement of her bonds, to vindicate her integrity."

*Resolved*, That we respectfully urge the Legislature soon to assemble, to take prompt measures to remove the disgrace which rests upon our State, and we pledge ourselves that we will heartily support any honorable scheme which shall be submitted for our approval.

*Resolved*, That we will preach, pray, vote and agitate until this blot is removed from the honor of our beloved Commonwealth, and upon this purpose we invoke the considerate favor of men, and the blessing of Almighty God.

Also these upon the subject of Temperance, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the struggle with intoxicant power is a conflict between Christ and Satan for the control of human destiny.

*Resolved*, That the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is sin against God and crime against man, and should be so treated in religion and in law.

*Resolved*. That to legalize this sin and crime by ballots and by statute is a public wrong, threatening perhaps beyond any other evil, the progress of our commonwealth.

*Resolved*, That it is our solemn testimony that God commands the people of Minnesota to put away this terrible evil by the uncompromising use of all the religious and civil powers entrusted to them.

*Resolved*, That churches and pulpits are bound to include these duties among their most earnest Christian endeavors and prayers, and become in this respect, by precept and example, "the light of the world."

A resolution of thanks to the church and people of Northfield, for their generous hospitality, was adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. E. M. Williams spoke in behalf of Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Geo. Huntington in behalf of the American Missionary Association.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved, and the Conference voted to adjourn at the close of the Sunday evening service.

After prayer by Rev. Geo. Hood, a recess was taken till tomorrow forenoon.

## SABBATH.

The order of exercises adopted was carried out.

At the evening session, the following new churches were received into fellowship: Appleton, Easton, Stewartsville, Lake Stay, Edgerton, Witoka, Lake Benton, and Gordon.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. George Huntington.

J. L. FONDA, Scribe.
J. B. FAIRBANK, Asst.

L. W. CHANEY. Moderator.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Congregational Conference, in account with C. A. J. Marsh Treasurer:—

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| By amount received of former Treasurer, J. E. Bell | | $ 41 85 |
| " " E. M. Williams | | 15 00 |
| " " on assessments, arrears | | 6 30 |
| " " for advertisements in Minutes | | 144 40 |
| " " on assessments this year | | 154 88 |
| Total receipts | | $362 43 |

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| To Conference expenses last year | $ 22 01 | |
| " W. Cheney, S. Sec. last year | 5 50 | |
| " G. A. Hood S. Sec., this year | 20 30 | |
| " Johnson, Smith & Harrison, printing minutes | 155 42 | |
| " H. M. Dexter, Year Book, 1877-80 | 123 42 | |
| " C. A. J. Marsh, Treasurer's expenses | 18 92 | |
| " C. A. J. Marsh, Treasurer, balance in bank | 16 86 | $362 43 |

Minneapolis, Minn, Oct. 12, 1880.

Audited and found correct. O. W. SHAW, Auditor.

# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called "The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the sole object of this society to procure, take care of and disburse a fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the Gospel, *or indigent ministers and their families*, who, in either case, have complied with the terms of Arts. 10 and 11.

ART. 3. The members of the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, for any year, shall, for that year, constitute the members of this society.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of six Trustees, at least three of whom shall be clergymen, to be chosen, two each year, to serve for three years, at the annual meeting of the General Conference of our churches, from its members, in the manner preferred at the time of election.

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after their election, by choosing from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called at any time and place, to transact any business which cannot be transacted by correspondence with each other; and they shall hold an annual meeting to examine accounts, records, reports, etc., at some time during the session of the Annual Conference of our churches and previously to the report of their officers to the same.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties, in a sum equal, in the judgment of the Trustees, to the amount of funds to be entrusted to his care during his term of office.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Trustees, and to correspond, if thought necessary, with parties applying for aid; of the Secretary, to keep the records of the society, to preserve on file all its papers, to submit the same when desired to the Trustees for examination, and to read before each Annual Conference of our churches, the records of the past year.

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, shall invest the funds of the society, and if loans are made to individuals, take ample security in unencumbered farming lands. He shall also make disbursements to beneficiaries, at the written order of the Trustees signed by the President and Secretary, and present a written report annually to the General Conference, in which a full account shall be given of all receipts, investments and disbursements for the time covered by such report.

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant aid only to persons described in Article 2, and recommended to them by at least two ministers of the gospel or other reliable persons; and the appropriations shall not exceed the income for the year. The amount liable to be appropriated in any year shall be placed on deposit, and at the end of six months the proper appropriations shall be made to all applicants received during that time; and then the sum which remains unappropriated shall be permanently invested; and so of the amount remaining after the appropriations of the next six months.

ART. 11. Any Evangelical minister of the gospel, with his family, shall be eligible to aid from the Society after commencing to pay into its treasury annually, not less than one dollar, and pledging himself to increase its funds by securing, if possible, legacies and donations in real estate or money. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the names of all persons complying with this rule, and an opportunity for making this contribution shall be given at every Annual meeting of our Conference. Those not present at the meeting shall forward their contributions to the Treasurer within three months, or forfeit their membership unless excused by him for the neglect.

ART. 12. The General Conference of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, in case of the dissolution of this society, shall own and dispose of its funds, and shall have power to make any alterations in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; *provided*, that such alterations shall have been proposed in writing and admitted for consideration by a majority vote.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY, in account with D. L. LEONARD, Treasurer:—

| 1879. | | CR. | |
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| Oct. | 10, | By amount brought forward from 1878..... | $ 91 23 |
| Oct. | 9-12, | " collected at Minneapolis Conference..... | 47 10 |
| Oct. | 13, | " communion collection..... | 28 75 |

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| 1880. July 9, | " P. Green, paid interest on note | 68 64 |
| Ag.1-Oc.12 | " paid interest on deposits in Citizen's Bank | 5 85 |
| Oct. 12, | " L. C. Storbraaten, paid interest on note | 12 00 |
| Total | | $253 57 |

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| 1879. Nov. 18, | To paid Mrs. L. W. B. (voucher 16) | $ 40 00 |
| 1880. Mch.6-Oc.13, | " deposits in Citizen's Bank | 210 64 |
| Oct. 12, | " cash on hand | 2 93 |
| Total | | $253 57 |

ASSETS OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

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| Note of P. Green, (12 per cent., due 1881) | $572 00 |
| Accrued interest on same | 17 23 |
| Note of L. C. Storbraaten | 100 00 |
| Certificate of deposit, Citizen's Bank | 210 64 |
| Accrued interest on the same | 1 75 |
| Cash on hand | 2 93 |
| Total | $904 55 |

Audited and found correct, vouchers accompanying.

O. W. SHAW, Auditor.

## OFFICERS.

*Trustees.* { Rev. D. L. Leonard, Hiram Scriver—term expires in 1883.
Rev. Henry Willard, Rev. L. H. Cobb—term expires in 1882.
Rev. J. W. Ray, A. H. Young—term expires in 1881.

*Treasurer*—Rev. D. L. Leonard, Northfield.

# MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Conference, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the society.

ART. 3. The object of this society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of the society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall be chosen annually by the society, upon the nomination of the local conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the local conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or, in their behalf, the State Superintendent of home missions, shall also make a written report to the society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years, after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as

secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Conference, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; together with the chairmen of the conference committees, shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the Superintendents to the parent society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the appointment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive all money coming into the society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent society. He shall also make an annual report to the society, not only of the money so trasmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent society as coming directly to its treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in council and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary churches on to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State Society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the Superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

## OFFICERS.

*President*—Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D.
*Recording Secretary*—Rev. D. L. Leonard.
*Superintendent and Treasurer*—Rev. L. H. Cobb, Minneapolis.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Rev. D. L. Leonard, Andrew Lee—term expires in 1883.
Rev. E. M. Williams, —term expires in 1882.
Rev. David Burt, R. J. Baldwin, Rev. M. M. G. Dana—term expires in 1881.
*Secretary*—Rev. D. L. Leonard.

# MINUTES

## OF NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order in the chapel of Willis Hall, at Northfield, Oct. 15th, 1880, at 10 a. m., by the President, Rev. J. W. Strong. After prayer by Rev. N. C. Chapin, Rev. R. A. Beard was elected Scribe.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. L. H. Cobb, was read and accepted, and having been audited, was referred to the Conference Committee on Printing. Mr. Cobb also read his annual report as Superintendent of the A. H. M. Society, which was also accepted, and referred to the same committee. (Appendix D.)

The Secretary of the Board of Directors, Rev. D. L. Leonard, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

Rev. E. M. Williams reported for the Committee on Parsonages, and his report was accepted.

Upon motion, the Nominating Committee of the Conference was requested to act for this Society, and was instructed to nominate a special committee of three to consider the question of incorporating this Society. The names of Judge A. H. Young, Rev. David Burt, and L. L. Wheelock were presented, and they were chosen as such committee.

A recess was taken to 2 p. m.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 p. m. the Society met, and after singing and prayer by Rev. M. J. Drennan, in the absence of the Scribe, Rev. J. B. Fairbank was appointed Assistant Scribe.

After nomination by the Committee, Rev. D. L. Leonard and Deacon Andrew Lee were elected members of Board of Directors for three years.

Upon nomination by the General Conference, the following were chosen as members of the Executive Committee.

*Anoka*—Rev. G. A. Hood, Rev. E. S. Williams, D. C. Bell.
*Northern*—Rev. R. A. Beard, Rev. H. J. Zercher, Rev. S. H. Barteau.
*Owatonna*—Rev. C. E. Wright, Rev. D. A. Morehouse, Rev. C. W. Merrill.
*Western*—Rev. H. C. Simmons, Rev. J. L. Fonda, Rev. Dennis Goodsell.
*Winona*—Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw.

The Conference Printing Committee was instructed to perform the same office for the society.

Rev. C. A. Conant read a paper upon "What the Churches owe the Frontier Home Missionary," which was accepted, discussed by Revs. H. M. Storrs and Henry Willard, and then referred to the Printing Committee.

A recess was taken till to-morrow at 9:15 a. m.

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## SATURDAY.

At 9:15 a. m. the Society was called to order by the President, and after singing and prayer a recess was taken, the Society to meet at the call of the President.

At 2:30 p. m. the Society was called to order, the minutes were read and approved, and the Society adjourned.

J. W. STRONG, President.
D. L. LEONARD, Recording Secretary.
R. A. BEARD, Scribe.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

**Minnesota Home Missionary Society, in account with L. H. Cobb, Treas'r.—**

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| **Oct. 9, 1879,** | By cash on hand | $ 3 52 |
| **Oct. 12, 1880,** | By cash from churches and individuals | 2,231 80 |
| | By cash from Minn. W. H. M. S | 792 00 |
| | By cash from Sunday Schools | 261 95 |
| | Total credit | $3,289 27 |

**Dr.**

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| **Oct. 9, 1879,** | To cash paid Rev. D. L. Leonard | $ 3 52 |
| **Oct. 12, 1880,** | To cash paid Rev. A. H. Clapp, Tr. A. H. M. S | 3,285 75 |
| | Total debit | $3,289 27 |

L. H. COBB, Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 13, 1880.

Examined the above account and vouchers therefor, and found same correct.

CHAS. A. J. MARSH, Auditor.

## RECEIPTS OF THE A. H. M. S. FROM MINNESOTA,

For the year ending Aug. 31, 1880.

| 1879. | For Gen'l Wrk. | For S. S. Wrk. |
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| September | $ 164 84 | $4 84 |
| October | 414 00 | 9 82 |
| November | 257 18 | 23 52 |
| December | 310 25 | 22 00 |
| 1880. | | |
| January | 400 94 | 40 97 |
| February | 509 50 | 1 25 |
| March | 187 90 | 0 00 |
| April | 355 98 | 16 00 |
| May | 194 14 | 32 94 |
| June | 177 79 | 0 00 |
| July | 484 07 | 17 38 |
| August | 222 80 | 30 50 |
| Totals | $3,679 39 | $199 22 |
| | $ 199 22 | |
| In all | $3,878 61 | |

Less by $784.96 than in 1878-9.

# Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society

## CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This society shall be called the "Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society."

Sec. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

Sec. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the society by contributing annually to its treasury.

Sec. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

Sec. 5. The duties of these officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions.

Sec. 6. The officers named in Sec. 4, with three Directors to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the society not otherwise provided for.

Sec. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership, and promote the interest of the society.

Sec. 8. The annual meeting of the society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with, the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

Sec. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society, provided that Secs. 2 and 3 be not materially changed, and the said 2d and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

Sec. 10. The society may establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

## MINUTES.

The first annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the chapel of Willis Hall, Northfield, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Oct. 15, 1880.

As neither the President nor Vice President was present, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., was requested to take the chair.

The meeting was opened with singing, "My faith looks up to thee;" after which Mrs. Barteau read a short portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Barnes offered prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Cobb, was presented and accepted.

The chair then appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Olds, Miss Nichols and Mrs. E. S. Williams, to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Secretary, Miss Jessie Hackett, was read and accepted, and the question of printing the report referred to the Committee on Printing.

A paper was read by Mrs. Barteau, of Crookston, on "Frontier Experiences," and also one on "Home Missions," by Mrs. Whiting, of Clearwater. Both papers were accepted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented, and being accepted, the following officers were elected.

*President*—Mrs. S. H. Barteau, of Crookston.
*Vice President*—Mrs. N. H. Pierce, of Osakis.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. L. H. Cobb, of Minneapolis.
*Secretary*—Miss Jessie Hackett, of St. Paul.

*Directors*—Mrs. Morehouse, Owatonna Conference
Mrs. Goodsell, Western Conference.
Mrs. Poole, Winona Conference.
*Auditor*—Mrs. E. M. Williams, Minneapolis.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

MINNESOTA W. H. M. S., in account with MRS. L. H. COBB, Treasurer:

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Oct. 15, 1880, By cash from the auxiliaries of the M. W. H. M. S., from churches and Sabbath schools..... $540 10

DR.

Oct. 15, 1880, To cash paid Rev. L. H. Cobb, Treasurer of the Minn. H. M. S..... $540 10

MRS. L. H. COBB, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct. Vouchers found for each payment.

MRS. E. M. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

# Minnesota Branch of Woman's Board.

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This society shall be known as the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior. Its object shall be to engage the earnest and systematic co-operation of Christian women in the formation and support of auxiliaries, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit in all our churches.

Art. 2. The annual meeting of this society shall be held at the same time and place as the General Conference of Congregational Churches of the State.

Art. 3. All ladies who are members of any auxiliary society in the State, or life members of the W. B. M. I., are members of the State society.

Art. 4. Its officers shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Vice President from each local conference. These officers shall constitute an executive committee, three of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of any business the society may refer to them.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch; to preside at all its meetings, and, with the aid of the Secretary, to make suitable arrangements for the annual meeting.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to aid the auxiliaries by correspondence and personal effort; to aid the President in making arrangements for the annual meeting; to present an annual report, and inform any officer not present at the meeting of her appointment for the coming year.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received by her from the auxiliaries, to forward the same to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. I.; and to make an annual report to the society.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of each Vice President to take the oversight of the work in her conference, and send a report of each auxiliary to the Secretary sometime during the month of September. Also to aid in the formation of auxiliaries.

Art. 9. The officers for the ensuing year shall be elected at each annual meeting.

Art. 10. Special meetings of the Branch may be held at the call of the executive committee.

Art. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change has been given to the auxiliaries three months previous.

# MINUTES.

The third annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch W. B. M. I. was held in the Methodist Church at Northfield, Friday p. m., Oct. 15, 1880; the President, Miss M. J. Evans in the chair.

After devotional exercises and reading the minutes of the last meeting, reports of the work of this society in various parts of the State were given by delegates from the auxiliary societies, supplemented by the Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Strong, was then presented, and accepted.

Report of the Bureau of Exchange was given by Miss Nichols.

After singing "Watchman, tell us of the night," Mrs. Isabella R. Williams, of Kalgan, China, spoke for an hour upon the "Night of Heathenism in China."

A collection was taken to defray the expenses of Mrs. Williams and those of the Bureau of Exchange.

Singing by Mrs. Williams in the Dakota and Chinese languages.

Mrs. A. Morse, Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. D. C. Bell, and Mrs. E. M. Williams were appointed a Committee on Revisiom of the Constitution.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

*President*—Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield,
*Secretary*—Mrs. Henry Plant, Minneapolis.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Jas. W. Strong, Northfield.
*Vice Presidents—Anoka Conference*—Mrs. M. T. Newton, St. Paul.
*N. Pacific Conference*— Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge, Duluth.
*Owatonna Conference*—Mrs. J. L. Noyes, Faribault.
*Western Conference*—Mrs. R. C. Moore, Morris.
*Winona Conference*—Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Rochester.
*Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange*—Miss Kate W. Nichols, 150 East Ninth st., St. Paul.

The meeting then adjourned.

MRS. HENRY PLANT, Secretary.

Total receipts for the year ending Oct. 1, 1880, $916.97, which amount was sent to Mrs. J. B. Leake, Chicago. Total receipts for the year preceding, $643.56. Increase, $273.41.

# APPENDICES.

## (A.)

## THE STATE OF RELIGION IN SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES.

As your Secretary, I have sent out the customary call to the churches not aided by the Home Missionary Society, and I now give you the responses; endeavoring to convey to you as exactly as possible that which has been given me, but condensing somewhat for the sake of brevity.

AUSTIN is still prospered. Meetings, Sunday and week day, never better attended than now. A revival during the winter, with fair results. About 30 added to the church, 20 on profession of faith. The church has helped during the summer to sustain three or four Sunday Schools in the country. Home expenses and benevolent contributions well and promptly maintained, notwithstanding the crops have partially failed for successive years. God does not fail to bless a *faithful* pastor and a *working* people.

CANNON FALLS reports Sunday morning congregations good through the year, but the evening congregation somewhat divided with another denomination now holding service at the same hour; the Sunday School well sustained; the prayer meeting very well attended in the winter, smaller in summer; a new parsonage now occupied by the pastor's family; and benevolent offerings somewhat diminished by unusual home expenses.

DOUGLASS, under the care of the same pastor. A parish of about a dozen families; good, substantial, staid Christian people, who keep on the even tenor of their way.

COKATO. No special religious interest. Surrounded by rum shops and infidelity, they are "holding the fort," a little band, and poor in this world's goods. Their pastor receives a salary of one hundred dollars, and earns the remainder of his support by engaging in business, as Paul provided for *his* necessities by tent-making.

ELK RIVER. Continued ordinary life, perfect union, a few accessions, no revival, but moving to build a house of worship. They have a good subscription of seventeen hundred dollars, and the ladies' society have a fund of five hundred dollars on interest.

EXCELSIOR rejoices in the conversion of souls, seven of whom have been welcomed to the church. Two were a husband and wife in middle life, and the remainder young persons of both sexes, among them a daughter of the pastor. They find that the annual influx of summer visitors is not altogether favorable to spirituality, but feel that on the whole they have abundant encouragement in work for the Master. One beloved sister, through great bodily suffering, in patient endurance, and wonderfully sustained, has passed to the land where pain and sickness are unknown.

FAIRBAULT tells us of a more fraternal feeling than ever before between the Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational churches of the city; of a larger number of people in the church praying and seeking earnestly for a revival; of young people coming into the Christian life in a very encouraging way; of less skepticism and more real, sincere inquiry in the town. The pastors of the above named churches have joined in union Sunday evening services, thus releasing two pastors each week for preaching in the country, much to the satisfaction of the people in both city and country. Also, a debt of $1,400 has been paid.

GLYNDON was visited last autumn by Bro. Plant, the value of whose hints and suggestions to both church and Sabbath School has become apparent as they have been acted upon during the year. Bro. Burnell was also with them late in the spring, and rendered helpful service. Additions have been made to the church membership, consisting of young and old. Three young lads were received at the communion in March, two of them sons of the late lamented Major Tenney. Temperance work has been done. A box has been sent to cheer some missionary home. Death also has done his work. Deacon Waterbury, a bright, active Christian worker, broken by business troubles and ill health, went out to seek relief in another part of the state, only to be brought back and buried in the cemetery by a bereaved church and community.

GRANGER has a sad story to tell. Their house of worship was burned, Dec. 2d, and since then no religious meetings have been held. One-half or more of the members have gone or contemplate going farther west. The wheat crop has failed seriously for three successive years, and the remnant of the church are in deep discouragement. Yet they have not altogether forgotten that the Lord reigneth.

GLENCOE makes no extended report. Some gain has been made, and on the whole, the outlook is encouraging.

HAMILTON has parted with its pastor, for want of ability to support him. Three years of blighted crops are assigned as the reason. Still they have been supplied with preaching by Rev. E. W. Merrill, of Spring Valley. The Sabbath School has been sustained with the usual interest, and four have been added to the church, two of them on profession of faith.

LAKE CITY has had a "blessing in disguise." Its house of worship, old and inconveniently located, was burned on the 5th of November last. And this event so stimulated the movement to build anew, previously commenced, but dragging heavily, that now the neat new church with basement rooms and pastor's study, excellent for situation, is in the hands of the plasterer. Meanwhile, worship, with Sabbath congregations increased and prayer meetings undiminished, has

been continued in an unoccupied store. Emigration has removed some of the more active members, reducing the number enrolled and diminishing the pastor's salary. Eight have been received, four of them on profession of faith. Mrs. Susan F. Williams, wife of Rev. J. N. Williams, has died. In her youth, she was for seven years a member of Harlan Page's S. S. class. Since her marriage she has been the quiet, useful matron of the frontier parsonage, in five different western States. Ten of her fifteen children survive her, some of them, like their parents, actively engaged in laying the foundations of new churches at the front. She was a woman of ripe Christian graces and attractive disposition, and at the last, passing through much suffering without a murmur, she rested from her labors, and her works do follow her. This church has had its share in the temperance work, which in Lake City has rescued during the past year more than sixty inebriates, saving to them in the aggregate, nearly two hundred dollars per week.

LAKELAND is a little church of twelve members, eight females and four males. Four of the twelve are absent. A young lady has just been thankfully received into membership, and thus the vacancy caused by the death of an aged lady in June of last year has been filled. They have repaired their house of worship to the amount of thirty dollars, and are now looking for a refreshing from the Lord and the salvation of souls. May their expectation be fulfilled.

MANTORVILLE is a church happily exempt from competition, uniting nearly all the earnest Christians of the community in church work. It has good congregations morning and evening, a good choir, a good Sunday school, encouraging prayer meetings, and pleasant social assemblings. The week of prayer was protracted to three weeks, resulting in the conversion and addition to the church of eight souls. One of this number was taken within three months in triumphant faith to "be with Christ." Another young lady, twenty years of age, and two years a Christian, a lovely character, has died within the year the most exultant Christian death ever witnessed by the pastor. Fourteen have been added to the church, eleven of them on confession of faith. Twelve have been dismissed, mostly to the new west—good material to work into frontier churches, but illy spared from the already overburdened band of workers at home. A pleasant visit from his people, a good wood-pile, and many kind offerings have helped him still to trust the kind Providence that has not permitted him to want for any good thing.

MARINE FIRST is still striving to live. As there are less than twenty American families in the village, the work and expense of sustaining the means of grace weigh heavily on the few. But the few still toil and hope on.

MARINE SECOND is not only striving to live, but to grow. The pastor who has supplied the two churches during the summer is soon to leave on account of poor health. They need an earnest, active man to minister to them, and can give such a man a good support.

MARSHALL has recently come to self-support. Though aware that to maintain such a position will require constant effort, they feel assured that it will be successful. The Lord has blessed them, and they have raised for all purposes, in eight months and a half, about a thousand dollars. To clear all indebtedness,

they hope to raise eight hundred more between this and Jan. 1st, 1881. The Sabbath congregation has been uneven—at times large, then very small, but of late more reliable. The Sunday School doubled from January to April, and then decreased. It is now filling up again. The attendance at prayer meeting has averaged over twenty, sometimes reaching thirty. Additions to the church have been few. The work has been mainly preparatory, and within the church. Since April 1st, the pastor has had three and sometimes four out stations, giving him, including bible class, four services each Sabbath. Three new Sabbath Schools have been organized. Something has been done in the cause of temperance, and efforts to check profanity among the boys have been in a measure successful. CLIFTON and STANLEY have been supplied by the pastor of the Marshall church once in three weeks.

MINNEAPOLIS FIRST reports no marked change. The pastor labored under the burden of ill health for months, and was at length compelled to leave his people for two months and more. Yet the congregation hangs solidly together, and the church slowly grows. The mission school goes right on hopefully, and makes a training school for the young people. The pastor and his wife feel grateful and stronger for the many most pleasant assurances of love given them by their flock.

MINNEAPOLIS SECOND tells of prayer-meetings full of comfort and satisfaction, in which questions and answers abound; of a ladies' bi-monthly prayer and missionary meeting, preceded by a simple social tea; of profitable Sunday school, mission and temperance concerts monthly, and of two thriving mission schools, with each of which the home church holds an annual fellowship meeting. Notwithstanding the temptations of mammon on the one hand and the burden of a church debt on the other, they send up the cheering message, "The morning cometh."

MINNEAPOLIS PILGRIM has had a delightful year of self-denial, trial in some ways, and the attendant blessings, rich, abundant, and joyfully received. They say: Our financial foot has been forward, and the arrearage in running expenses brought up. We never have a *debt*. There is often an arrearage, but we make a spurt and catch up before we get too far behind. If it should lengthen out to a debt, we might be disheartened. Last winter we held district prayer-meetings, one every week in each of two districts, unless, for variety or enthusiasm, two united. These were helpful to many, and strengthening to the church. There is a growing feeling of responsibility for results among the members; and we try to have the new ones (thirteen this year, seven on profession) think that they come into the church not to be babied, but as "ambassadors" and "witnesses" "sent into the world," unto whom is "committed the word of reconciliation."

MINNEAPOLIS PLYMOUTH has had to give up her pastor to a New England parish. We have from her the brief report that her organized life is in nearly every respect at its best, save the want of a pastor to lead. The church is harmonious, and, apparently, ready to follow such a shepherd as, in good time, she hopes to receive.

NORTHFIELD, like two of the churches already mentioned, has lost her house

of worship by fire, and is suffering the discomfort and the disadvantage of having no fixed and convenient place for her various services. With courage and energy, however, she is proceeding with the work of rebuilding, planning liberally for the future needs of both church and college. Not less than fifteen thousand dollars will suffice; and the greater part of this is provided. Meanwhile the system of beneficence goes on with little or no loss in the amount raised. Last year the number added to the church was unusually large. This year it has been unusually small. But there has been an unprecedented interest in bible study, and a marked growth in grace on the part of not a few.

OWATONNA has not received a large addition to her membership, but there has been an increase of efficiency in several departments of church work. The missionary department has been better organized, and the receipts have been larger than heretofore. The Sabbath School has been larger and more vigorous, with teachers' meetings well sustained. There has been a marked increase of the Sabbath evening congregation. But on the other hand the prayer meeting has been less attractive than in other years. A vacation of two months spent by the sea has fully restored the pastor's health, and he is now ready for hard work.

PLAINVIEW. This church retained her first pastor nineteen years, and only parted with him on the first of June last. Since his departure, services have been maintained regularly with a good attendance; a sermon being read by one of the members. Prayer-meetings and the Sunday School have been well sustained. Eight have been added to the church, four of them on profession. Twelve have been dismissed by letter to the frontier, and two have died. They are hoping to welcome a new pastor soon.

ROCHESTER has been doubly blessed; first in the reception of a new pastor, in whom they are warmly united, and secondly in the services of Major Whittle, which they shared last winter with the other churches of the city. As a result there is a quickened activity and a renewed sense of responsibility still abiding. There has been a readiness to engage in Christian work, an increasing attendance upon and interest in religious services, an awakening life in the prayer meetings, and twenty have been added to the church. One of the most encouraging features has been a young people's prayer-meeting, conducted by themselves. Since the first of March it has had an average attendance or at least thirty-five. A debt of between four and five hundred dollars has been paid.

ST. CHARLES sends a cheerful message. In the autumn an increased interest in the study of the Bible began. This led to heart-searching and pleading for God's blessing upon the word spoken. Beginning with the week of prayer, evening meetings were held for five weeks. There were a dozen conversions, and, moreover, barriers between Christians and between churches were removed. Seven were received into the church as a result of the meetings, and five others were admitted by letter. Only one has been called to the church triumphant, and she gladly welcomed the call.

ST. PAUL PLYMOUTH. The year's story is one of rich experiences, marked by unusual efforts, and in it all is clearly seen the loving leadership of the great Master. In the fall Messrs. Whittle and McGranahan held a series of evangelistic meetings in St. Paul, the evangelical churches uniting. Large

numbers heard the gospel pungently preached and persuasively sung. Many were reclaimed from habits of intemperance, and not a few joyful souls found peace in believing. Still the fruits were not so abundant as had been hoped for. The blessing was worth all it cost, but it might have been far greater had there been a complete consecration on the part of Christians. The Sabbath services have been well sustained during the year, and the devotional meetings have averaged high in interest and attendance. The mission work in connection with Pacific Chapel has been unwontedly prospered. The great achievement of the summer was the extinguishing of the debt resting upon the society. The church is now unencumbered, and faces a brighter future than in any previous year in its checkered history. This year of varied work, with its large and constant additions to the membership of the church, is gratefully chronicled as one of spiritual blessing and material progress, and looking back upon its lights and shadows, she lifts joyfully her "Te Deum laudamus."

SAUK CENTER has had a somewhat remarkable history for several years. First, she was deprived of a faithful pastor by the failure of his health. She sought in vain for two years to supply his place. Meanwhile she moved on with her work. Prayer meetings, Sabbath School and Sabbath worship were steadily maintained. Then came a new pastor, earnestly devoted to the Lord's work. Success attended his labors. The congregation increased and numbers were added to the church. But there was a debt of eleven hundred dollars, and the society was to be sustained by Home Missionary aid. These things were pleasing to neither pastor nor people. A business meeting was called. One man, Andrew J. Smith, offered to pay half the debt. The remainder was quickly provided for, and a vote was taken to dispense with missionary aid. The pastor, at the end of his first year, has been granted a leave of absence for five months, which he is spending at Andover Seminary. The Sabbath congregation is large, the Sabbath School is thriving, the prayer meetings are well attended and earnest, a missionary society has been organized, with the promise of good work in the future. A missionary library is growing to considerable proportions, and pastor and people are warmly united.

SPRING VALLEY sends a very brief report. All things moving on with ordinary prosperity.

WABASHA has an increased morning congregation, an interesting Sunday school, a large percentage of young people in the congregation, and a more hopeful feeling in the congregation than usual. The number of infant baptisms has been large during the year. Good work has been done in the cause of temperance. But conversions have been few. One young man has died, apparently in the faith.

WASECA. Forty-three have united with the church during the year, forty since Jan. 1, thirty-two on confession of faith. A deep spirit of earnestness now pervades all departments of the work, Sunday school, social meetings, and all. The attendance at social meetings is from thirty to fifty. The discouragement lies in the removal of so many members, twelve going now almost all at once, Father Shedd and wife among the number. One death—an aged man, strong in the faith.

WINONA has passed her quarter-centennial anniversary since the conference last met. The day was marked by exercises of great interest, in which citizens, early members of the church, former pastors and the present pastor participated. The first church organized in the city of Winona, and the earliest Congregational church in southern Minnesota, she has now grown to ample strength and influence, and her life has been fruitful of blessing not only to the city where she is located, but to all the surrounding region. It has been the great work of the year to provide funds and to proceed with the erection of a new house of worship. The walls are up. It will be enclosed this autumn, and completed next year. It is built of limestone, trimmed with red sandstone. Its seating capacity is six hundred and fifty. The Sabbath School room in the rear, modeled after the John Wanamaker plan, will accommodate four hundred and fifty. The whole promises to be a model of convenience and beauty. Some spiritual progress has been made. Many members have been received, and many have been dismissed. Spiritual power has been a little increased, especially in the line of the ladies' missionary and prayer meetings. Special efforts are being made to increase benevolent contributions, and with some success, even in this year of church building.

ZUMBROTA. The year has been a marked one in the history of the church. The story was told last year with faith and hope. Faith has borne fruit and hope has been largely realized. The church is at one with herself, and earnest in every good work. Additions have been made at every communion—forty-four in all during the year. Congregations have increased till more room became a necessity. An extension giving one hundred more sittings is nearly completed. This, with the addition of lecture room and furnaces, has been at an expense of $2,500. It is all subscribed, and besides an old debt of $600 on the parsonage has been liquidated. The church is now free from every incumbrance. Prayer meetings have more than doubled in interest and in numbers. The young people's prayer meeting is a most encouraging feature of the church work. From forty to seventy-five of them meet weekly to study the word and to pray for enlightenment. The Sunday School has three hundred scholars enrolled.

L. W. CHANEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

## (B.)

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

About the middle of September your committee prepared and sent to the churches a circular asking the following questions: First—Does your church adopt the Conference plan in your benevolent contributions? Second—If not this plan, what is your method? Third—To how many of the six causes of benevolence has your church contributed during the past year, and what amount to each? Fourth—What suggestions have you to make in regard to systematic beneficence?

Answers to these questions were received from forty-eight churches. From these it appears that four adopt the conference plan in substance; one adopts it fully, and yet that church contributed to only four of the causes. So that it would seem that the church did not interpret the plan as the committee did.

To the second inquiry a variety of answers was given. One reply says: "The above method as near as it can; but when there is no financial ability what can be done? The people here have suffered in loss of crops the last five years." Another says: "In this place it is impossible to carry out any system." Another says: "Hit and miss; more miss than hit; I shall take hold of the work soon." Another reports the following plan: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. This church recognizes the principle of giving taught in the Bible, as involving a Christian duty and privilege. This duty forms a part of the covenant which we have made with each other and with God. To discharge this duty properly, we must make offerings intelligently, regularly, and according to ability. Boxes are provided for such offerings, and it has been voted to divide what is placed in them as follows:

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| For the Foreign Mission work | 20 per cent. |
| For the Home Mission work | 15 " " |
| For Freedmen's Educational work | 10 " " |
| For Church Building work | 10 " " |
| For Y. M. C. A. work | 5 " " |
| For Carleton College | 5 " " |
| For Chicago Theological Seminary | 5 " " |
| For Contingent Fund* | 30 " " |

'And Jesus sat over against and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury.' Mark 21, 41. 'God loveth a cheerful giver.'"

*This fund to be distributed at the discretion of the pastor and deacons, for the relief of the poor, for the Sabbath Schools, and for other local charities.

From the answers to the third inquiry, we learn that eight churches contribute to the six causes, viz: Northfield, Spring Valley, First Church Minneapolis; Plymouth Minneapolis, Pilgrim Minneapolis, Owatonna, Wabasha, and Mankato. One-sixth of the churches reporting remember all the causes; one contributes to five, seventeen to four, two to three, five to two, thirteen to one, and only one gives nothing.

Several churches have increased their contributions over last year. Northfield has made an increase of $60.29, giving this year to the six causes $741.46. Austin has gained over last year $141.39, giving this year $410. Afton has gained $41.40, more than doubling last year's contribution. St. Charles has gained $17.59, giving $37.34. Owatonna has contributed to all the objects this year in place of four last year, and has increased the amount given $47.20. Plainview has increased her amount $43.75. Duluth has made a gain of about one-third. Wabasha has contributed to all the societies, gaining largely on former years. Plymouth Minneapolis, has gained $265.50, giving $2,292.92. While the above churches and some others have made advances in benevolent work, a few have fallen behind the record of last year. Zumbrota has contributed to two less causes during the past year, and has diminished her contributions $16.41. Lake City has given to the same number of causes, but has contributed $59.35 less than last year, but Lake City has lost its church edifice by fire, and is laboring hard for a new one without calling for any outside aid. Marshall has given but little more than half as much as last year, but the reason given is that the church is attempting self-support, so that, indirectly, the benevolence may be largely increased. Rushford has given only about two-thirds as much as last year, and Sleepy Eye has lost in about the same ratio.

In response to the fourth inquiry, numerous suggestions have been made. From one church comes the testimony that "offering to God every Sabbath as an act of worship is the only true method of benevolence." From another church, a very efficient plan is given, but the statement is made that "the plan has not been worked this year, because it is our first year of self-support, and our one-tenth givers and others have put all their strength into church expenses, which are not in arrears." But the main suggestion is, "Have a plan, and work it." Another suggestion is that "churches need an intelligent statement of the work of the different societies, such as an expert agent makes. When our people are converted to give a tenth of their income, God's treasury will be full." Another suggests that systematic beneficence "be urged on every Christian as a blessed privilege." One report says, "I have no suggestions to make. I have tried all I can at each place, but nothing can be done where poverty is king." Another says: "Let the pastor have a plan, and follow it in his own giving, then insist on the people having a plan, and work the plan, and see to it himself." Another says: "Paul's directions to the Corinthians about weekly offerings in private is the best way, and then let the distribution of the Lord's money be a separate question." Another says: "Each individual and church should give as the Lord has prospered them." From one church comes the statement that "the almost absolute failure of the wheat crop this, the third year in succession, has made us too poor to have much to say about benevo-

lence." One says: "Weekly offerings are the best. The process is most pleasant, the result is best. Push the plan.."

These reports show clearly that the largest relative contributions come from the *working* of some *system* of *giving*. The Conference plan may be a good one, as embodying the great idea of regular, systematic giving to the various departments of Christian work. It may need modifying in some of our churches; but let there be a plan, and let that be followed, and very few Christians will fail to have some part in the great work to which Christ calls his people.

When giving as the Lord hath prospered us shall become the rule among God's people, the treasury of the Lord will not be empty, when the homes of his people are liberally supplied with all good things. If retrenchment is called for at any time, it will not be made first and last in the Lord's portion. We may find it easy to deny ourselves some expenditure, but we shall hesitate about denying to Christ what is his due.

J. W. RAY,
S. PHŒNIX, Committee.

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## (C.)

## CARLETON COLLEGE.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The past year has afforded new proofs of the old truths that to institutions as well as men prosperity sometimes comes through adversity; that what is called a calamity may prove a blessing; that strength and maturity may be gained by experiences that are hard to bear. This is not the first time such lessons have been taught us. More than once has it been said: "It seems to be ordained that Carleton college shall enter into prosperity through the gateway of disaster." Certainly it is true that this year it has *burned* its way into recognition and into the sympathies of liberal men, so that gifts have been secured which would never have been received but for the burning of "Willis Hall." Surely we ought to consider as a blessing whatever strengthens and equips us for the work God has committed to us.

The facts pertaining to the most notable event of the year, the conflagration of Dec. 23, 1879, are generally known, yet some of them need to be restated. The fire took, accidentally, in one of the dormitory rooms of the third story, the only room occupied at the time, as this occurred during the winter vacation. In the fierce, cold wind that prevailed the fire made such rapid progress that nothing could be saved from the third story, and only a part of what was on th

floor. The building contained our chapel, library room, laboratory, , apparatus, recitation rooms, and dormitory accommodations for thirty . The aggregate loss of the students, mainly in books and clothing, at fifteen hundred dollars, of which only a small percentage has been to them.

amount of insurance on the building was twelve hundred dollars, and h the addition of only about two thousand dollars, has given us this ice, in which the Conference meets, bearing the same name, and having ially the same walls, but greatly improved both in external appearance rnal arrangement. The loss upon the library was considerable. For- , the very valuable donation of Mr. E. W. Bryant, received near the be- of the year, and consisting of several hundred volumes of choice works e, philosophy, history and general literature, was rescued, but all the that the original library contained on history, biography, travels and hy, politics, metaphysics, law, political economy, fiction, and English e were destroyed, as also were the cyclopædias and dictionaries, and a plete list of works of classical authors. The insurance on the library vever, replace the more valuable portions, and new donations have been from friends both at the east and west, among whom should be named W. Stockwell, H. O. Houghton and Rev. Dr. Edward Strong of Bos- . Charles Shedd of Waseca, and E. W. Bryant, Esq., of Delavan, Wis. fts ever received by the library, this new one from Mr. Bryant is sur- a value only by his first gift. The "William H. Dunning cabinet" of and the cabinets of mineralogy and natural history were entirely con- but we have been unexpectedly successful, mainly through the efforts of B. Sperry, in securing, at low cost, new collections, so that now, in spects, if not in all, our cabinets surpass those destroyed. Hon. G. elder, of Leadville, Col., formerly of Faribault, has recently donated a able collection of gold and silver and tellurium ores, from the new min- ns, and we have the promise of many more specimens and curiosities short time from New Mexico and Arizona. The loss on chemical and osophical apparatus was fully covered by insurance, and when the new all is completed and newly furnished, as it soon will be, we shall be tter equipped than ever before for chemical and scientific work.

ediately after this fire, recitation rooms and a suitable place for chapel, torical exercises were secured and fitted up, circulars were issued, and, y at the appointed time, just as though nothing unusual had transpired, er term opened. With most gratifying loyalty and enthusiasm, the stu- turned to their classes, bringing others with them; so that, notwithstand- ur difficulties and inconveniences, not a single recitation has been lost in nce of the fire, and the college has never done better educational work. ccordance with directions from the Board of Trustees, in January a brief for funds was made in our own State, and then a much larger canvass at . The results of these financial efforts have been very gratifying, and at the college has a strong hold upon the confidence of our churches and ic at large. Among the donations and pledges secured may be men-

tioned one of ten thousand dollars from Mrs. Valeria G. Stone, of Malden, Mass., which has been paid and assigned to the general endowment fund; one of five thousand dollars from a Western lady, towards a new Ladies' Hall, and several of one thousand each from friends, both at the East and in Minnesota; a large and very fine organ with pedal attachment, from the Smith American Organ Company, of Boston, and money for the purchase of our new college bell, and a fine collection of corals from Chas. Boswell, Esq., of West Hartford, Conn. The limits of this report forbid a more detailed account of gifts received.

Our present condition as to building, is this: Not counting a small two-story building rented to students for self-boarding, we now occupy four buildings known as "Ladies' Hall," "Willis Hall," "Music Hall" and the "Observatory," while a new "Science Hall" will be in use next month, and the foundation of a new Ladies' Hall, the largest of all, are now being laid, though, it must be confessed, without the means in hand to complete the work next year, as our needs so earnestly require.

During the last academic year we had in all departments two hundred and sixty different students,—an advance on any preceding year. These were from six States; Minnesota having 37 counties represented. They belonged to ten nationalities, and, as indicated by church attendance, to seven religious denominations. Fifty-two were in the regular collegiate classes; seventy-eight in preparatory courses, one hundred and two in the English Course, and twenty-eight studied music only.

The tone of religious life, though not so high as during the preceding year, was good, and some students began an active Christian life. The religious meetings suffered somewhat from our peculiar circumstances, rooms being widely separated, and there being no convenient central gathering place. Yet the different services, including the daily noon prayer meeting, which has been voluntarily held by students for over seven years, were as well sustained as could be expected. The benevolence and activity of the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Young Mens' Christian Association were very commendable. There was almost no occasion for unpleasant discipline in any department, so general was the spirit of harmony and co-operation.

That we might have definite knowledge as to our relative educational standard, a very careful comparison was made last spring between our requirements and those of five representative institutions, east and west—Dartmouth, Amherst, Oberlin, Beloit, and Minnesota State University. It was found that as to the *requisites for admission* to the regular classical collegiate course, we are in some respects (history, e. g.) in advance of them all, and we teach in our preparatory department some branches not required for admission to any of them; while we fall short of any one only to a very slight extent as to the amount of Greek and Latin required; as, e. g., Amherst requires three books of the Iliad to our two, and seven orations of Cicero to our six. The requirements of Oberlin are almost identical with ours.

As to our regular college curriculum, we find that our course differs from all the others, only in one point. We alone pursue the study of American literature. As nearly as can be ascertained from catalogues, we require in Latin,

Greek and mathematics about the same time as the other institutions, and we fall short of them only in the number of optional studies, while we give more than the average time to science, to literature, to modern languages, and to mental philosophy. The result of this comparison can but be gratifying to the friends of Carleton, who have from the first insisted upon a high educational standard. As distinct from all preparatory work, we are now presenting an English or academic course, and three collegiate courses, classical, literary, and scientific, each covering four years; a musical course, and also a special or post-graduate course in pure mathematics and astronomy. These are meeting the most pressing needs of students, but the near future ought to witness enlargement. An art department, e. g., ought not to be long postponed.

The present year has opened with an attendance considerably exceeding that of any preceding term. Including music students, we have now in actual attendance, two hundred and twenty, and every week witnesses additions. Of these, nearly one-half are ladies. These students have entered upon their work with commendable industry and enthusiasm, giving promise of making this year better than any preceding. The Faculty is the same as last year, excepting that Rev. Arthur H. Pearson has taken charge of the Chemical Department, in place of Prof. Smith, who resigned in June. In spirit and in aim these teachers are a unit. Realizing in some good degree their high responsibilities, with unwearying and self-sacrificing devotion, they work together in perfect harmony, to make the college what it ought to be,—a mighty and constantly increasing power for good in this northwestern empire,—helping to secure and perpetuate a civilization which shall be not only refined but also thoroughly Christian. They believe that this college should be, in the best sense, a Christian institution; that here moral culture as well as mental development should be secured; that man's relations to God and the life to come should not be ignored; that philosophical speculations should not displace the truths of revelation, but that, instead, the teachings of the gospel, both moral and religious, should here find an honored place. They hold that their work as teachers of youth in the formative period of life, would not be complete without an effort to mould the whole character according to the standard of New Testament morality and spirituality, This is what we believe the founders and patrons of this college both expect and desire. This is not narrow sectarianism, but it is practical Christianity. It is upon this basis that we ask for and expect the hearty sympathy and support of our churches. Having these, with the divine blessing, the future of Carleton College can be in no sense doubtful. Its steadily increasing prosperity and usefulness will be certain, and the fruitage of these years of sowing and reaping will be for the honor of Him in whose name and for whose sake we toil.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. STRONG

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# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Coming in from 18,976 miles travel, and from delivery of 155 sermons or addresses, since the last State Conference, we open the record for the items on which the churches expect us to report.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

have held ten meetings with the Superintendent, on the fourth Monday of each of the months of the year, except July and August. The service rendered, including traveling expenses, is gratuitous, though at the same time invaluable. The whole field has been kept under the most careful review, and the minutest details studied with reference to the greatest efficiency and economy.

### THE MEN EMPLOYED,

of whom 17 have been new men, have numbered in all 67, Of these 47 are now at work, supplying 95 churches and 59 out-stations, 153 places, at a cost to the society of $10,500, over and above what we raise in the State.

### SELF-SUPPORT.

Fergus Falls, Glencoe, Marshall, Sauk Center and Waseca ask no further aid, while Anoka, Crookston, Mazeppa, St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids have been obliged to ask the help of the society in support of their pastors.

### NEW CHURCHES.

Appleton, Oct. 16, 1879, 19 members.
Easton, Nov. 12, 1879, 7 members.

Stewartsville, March 24, 1880, 20 members.
Lake Stay, April 11, 1880, 4 members.
Edgerton, May 12, 1880, 10 members.
Witoka, May 20, 1880, 10 members.
Lake Benton, July 19, 1880, 9 members.
Seven churches, 79 new members, besides Marshfield, which has moved bodily to Tyler, and hereafter will be known under that name.

NEW MEN.

1. Bake, Rev. H. P., Albert Lea.
2. Barteau, Rev. S. H., Crookston.
3. Bates, H. L., (Lic.) Preston Lake, etc.
4. Bird, Rev. C. W., Morristown and Waterville.
5. Chapin, Rev. N. C., St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids.
6. Emerson, Rev. J. O., Breckenridge, etc.
7. Hadden, Rev. Arch., (Lic.) Ortonville, etc.
8. Hart, H. H. (Lic.) Worthington.
9. Libbey, Rev. I. H., Belgrade and Providence.
10. Lyman, Rev. W. A. Sleepy Eye.
11. Perkins, Rev. S. K., Sherburne, etc.
12. Pierce, Rev. N. H., Dassell and Osakis.
13. Rogers, Rev. S. J., Marshall, etc.
14. Sargent, Rev. G. W., Granite Falls.
15. Sherwin, Rev. A. T., Sterling and McPherson.
16. Skiles, J. H. (Lic.) Dexter, &c.
17. Wilcox, W. J. (Lic.) Mt. Lake.

CHANGED FIELDS.

Rev. O. P. Champlin, after one year's rest, from Sleepy Eye to Tracy.
Rev. C. H. Davis, from Granite Falls to Marine.
Rev. J. S. Hull, from Dassell to Cokato.
Rev. L. H. Moses, from Walnut Grove to Rose Creek.
Rev. P. Peregrine, from Amiret to Butternut Valley.
Rev. N. H. Pierce from Dassel to Osakis.
Rev. J. B. Renshaw, from Preston Lake to Brownton.
Rev. C. A. Ruddock, from Ortonville to Benson.
Rev. A. Simpson, from Sterling to Fairmont.
Rev. W. L. Sutherland, from Morristown to Foster &c.

LEFT H. M. WORK.

Rev. H. P. Bake, for work elsewhere.
H. L. Bates and W. C. Wilcox, to finish seminary course.

Rev. J. R. Chalmers, for Sioux City.
Rev. J. Chandler, for self-support.
Rev. R. S. Cross, for work elsewhere.
Rev. W. A. Cutler, for Broadhead, Wis.
Rev. Wm. Denley, for the farm.
Rev. Q. L. Dowd, for work elsewhere.
Rev. D. B. Ells, for home in Iowa.
Rev. A. Graves, for rest, at Chivot, Ark.
Rev. C. W. Hanna, for mercantile life.
Rev. T. G. Jones, for farm in Kansas.
Rev. I. H. Libbey, for Linington, Me.
Rev. V. E. Loba, for Redwood Falls Academy.
Rev. A. Morse, superannuated.
Rev. C. Slater, for Michigan.
Rev. R. B. Wright, for health of family.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

Rev. M. M. Tracy, installed at Duluth, Oct. 28th, 1879.
Rev. H. K. Painter, ordained and installed at Mazeppa, Jan. 8, 1880.
Rev. C. W. Bird, ordained at Bethlehem. Conn., May 26, 1880.
Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, installed at Rochester, June 29, 1880.
Rev. S. K. Perkins, ordained at South Weymouth, Mass., July 20, 1880.
Rev. George Holden, ordained and installed at Lamberton, Sept. 14, 1880.

DISMISSED.

Rev. F. L. Fuller, April 7, 1880, from Hamilton.
Rev. H. A. Stimson, Aug. 30, 1880, from Minneapolis.

CHURCHES BUILT.

Dassell, Morris, Ortonville and Osakis have completed houses of worship, while Hancock, Lamberton and Lake Benton have begun houses of worship.

PARSONAGES

Cannon Falls, Clearwater, Hawley, Medford, Osakis and Waseca have bought, or built, or completed parsonages during the year. Ten of the brethren have bought or built houses for themselves. We look for the glad day when the A. C. U. will have means to help in this vital matter. Three churches have no pastor to-day largely because there is no house to hire. We know of but 13 parsonages among our 140 churches!

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Receipts of the A. H. M. S. from Minnesota, for the year ending March 31, 1880, were $3,494.80; $256.35 for the Sunday school department; $3,238.55; for the general work, a total of $662.22 less than in 1879. But in 1879 we had a legacy of $200. Add to this $187, special gifts from outside friends while we were raising the debt, and we have a balance of $14.87 more than in 1879.

Appropriations for Minnesota were $10,500, which is $500 more than last year, plus what we raise. In March we made an apportionment which would raise $6,000 in the state for general work and $600 for the Sunday School department. Most of the churches have done well. We are waiting with hope and confidence for others to bring up the deficit. Five months of the current year are reported from New York. The figures are, $96.82 to the Sunday School work, $1,434.78 to the general work; total, $1,531.60. At the proposed rate of $6,000 a year, we should be able to report $2,500 now. We are $1,065.22 behind on these five months. The parent society has firmly taken the ground that there shall be no debt! When, therefore, our $10,500, plus what, at any date, the churches of the state have actually given, are exhausted, we have no alternative but to say to churches applying for aid the last part of the year: "We can not grant a dollar till our churches send, or report it to the treasury." Already $11,169 of the sum we can call for have been granted or asked.

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## FIELD NOTES.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ALEXANDRIA has been faithfully served by Bro. Dowd, who closed his work Sept. 19, for a new field elsewhere.

ANOKA is again vacant, Bro. Cross having closed his work there a month since. The tone of the report is hopeful as to the future.

BLUE HILL and PRINCETON have been very acceptably served by Bro. Henderson. The financial work of the society has been reorganized, and reports are cheering.

BELLE PRAIRIE and LITTLE FALLS are now on their sixth year with Bro. Rosenkrans as pastor. Sabbath evening services especially are reported large. The pastor preaches three times each Sunday, and superintends the Sunday School at Little Falls.

BROWNTON and HUTCHINSON join labors under Bro. Renshaw, and a new field is made of Preston Lake, Hector and Stewart. Brownton has heretofore been yoked with Glencoe, and served by Bro. Chandler. At all the points on these two fields reports have been cheering, except in matters growing out of the straitened circumstances of the people. Hutchinson has raised more than one

dollar per resident member for the A. H. M. S. A new man will be sent to Preston Lake, Stewart and Hector, as soon as one can be found.

COKATO and DASSEL, which were united under Bro. Hull at the beginning of this year, became separate fields on the resignation of Bro. Hull. He remains with the Cokato church, while Dassel has been most acceptably supplied seven months of the year by Bro. Pierce. The balance of the time it has been well cared for by one of its members, Bro. S. W. Maxson.

June 1, Bro. Pierce took the Osakis field, including Gordon and Easton, from which Bro. Walcott retired March 1, for rest and study. The church and parsonage all under one roof, for which $1,000 had been raised, greatly to the surprise of the givers themselves under the stimulating lead of Bro. Walcott, is now nearly completed, and is a credit to the town, as also a sign of what any determined church can do, however poor. Prospects for spiritual good appear in the growing harmony among the churches of the town.

CLEARWATER has had an excellent year under Bro. Smith. Every department of work is well in hand.

GILMANTON, GLENWOOD, PAYNESVILLE, and UNION GROVE, have not been worked during the year, mainly for financial reasons. At Paynesville there is no place for a pastor to live.

SAUK CENTER has paid off a debt of $1,060 on its church building, added seventeen members, and come to self-support. Few churches can show a better record. Bro. Cory takes a recess for five months' study at Andover, Mass., and Bro. O. C. Clark, from Vermillion, O., supplies the pulpit.

ST. CLOUD and SAUK RAPIDS unite in calling Rev. N. C. Chapin, pay the salary for six months, but ask aid to carry the year through. Both churches are in a condition of promise and hope beyond that of any year during the present superintendency.

TWO RIVERS has suffered from division, a Presbyterian church having been organized at Royalton, in violation of comity and every principle of economy and necessity. Brother Kinne has nevertheless prosecuted his work with all the vigor his impaired health would allow.

Anoka Conference cannot be worked to the best advantage while covering so much territory. It is more than 225 miles from one extreme to another. It has thirty-two churches on its roll, besides the five which work with the St. Croix Convention.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

AUDUBON, DETROIT and LAKE VIEW have been vigorously worked by Bro. Zercher, now on his second year. At no time in six years has the work been more promising.

BRAINERD has had an excellent year with Bro. Beard, and but for removals the church would have come to self-support.

BRECKENRIDGE, after months of waiting, unites on Bro. Emerson, fresh from seminary life, and in spite of various discouragements, bids fair to make

permanent and assured headway. A church is greatly needed both at Breckenridge and Wahpaton, D. T.

CROOKSTON has had a year of untiring and assiduous toil from Bro. Barteau, who has worked at great disadvantage for want of church building and parsonage. We hope the year to come will furnish both. Good progress has been made in spite of all hindrances, and the missionary has done a large amount of work at points on the railway north.

DULUTH rejoices in the revival of business and the appearance of new faces in the churches. Faithful toil by the pastor is rewarded with tokens of good.

HAWLEY, PARK and MUSKODA have been in care of Bro. O. W. Smith, who has rendered faithful and self-denying service. When he took the work there was no house in which he could live. He accordingly converted the chapel temporarily into a house, and worshipped in the school-house till he could build, turning the entire subscription of the people for his support in that direction, and taking their notes for pay. How long before God's people will give us aid for such cases?

LAKE PARK, from which several of the few members have removed, has had such service from Bro. Johnson as he could render while devoting most of his time to the SCAMBLER field. Most of the people in such new rural parishes find all they can do to establish homes. Hence the financial part of the work is hard. Bro. Jonnson has wrought patiently and faithfully, with poor results. Bro. Cheeseman remains in charge of MAINE and ST. OLAF till November, when he returns to study. Gradual growth encourages the pastor, and holds out promise for the future.

WADENA has been vacant since Bro. Denley left the work in March. Several men have been sent to this field within these months, but only to remain a day or two. With Verndale and Bluffton, it is a good field. Excellent families are eagerly waiting the coming missionary.

PERHAM, which was yoked with Wadena, has also been vacant, because no man has been found to go there. Gladly would the people welcome any good man, and do all in their power to support him. Frazee City and New York Mills furnish important out-stations.

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Bro. Chalmers left ALBERT LEA in December; Rev. H. P. Bake came there March 20. He remained three months, and left; since which time no one has been on that field. ALDEN, which was united with Albert Lea, has been vacant since December.

BELGRADE and PROVIDENCE were suddenly left by Bro. Jones, March 1, on account of health. May 1, Rev. J. H. Libbey, from Maine, took the work for three months, at the end of which time, having rendered most acceptable service, he returned to Maine on call from the church in Linington.

BERLIN has welcomed occasional visits from Bro. Fisk, when time would allow him to be absent from his work at HARTLAND and FREEBORN. The removal of several families has greatly weakened the Berlin church. Free-

BORN has removed its church building to a more desirable location, and repaired it. The whole field is under careful culture, and yields good fruit.

BROWNSDALE and LANSING, though sorely tried by the loss of crops again, are nevertheless in good condition spiritually, under the assiduous care of Bro. Rounce. A Home Missionary sociable has been successful in raising the one dollar a member for the A. H. M. S.

BUTTERNUT VALLEY, SALEM and GOSHEN, vacant through the winter, recall the old pastor, Bro. Peregrine, who comes down from his home and other field at CUSTER, each alternate week, to minister to the Welsh brethren, who cannot yet exchange our English for the mother tongue. Bro. Peregrine's labor is thus made arduous, but the whole work is encouraging.

CHAIN LAKE CENTRE, SHERBURNE, WESTFORD, CEDARVILLE, etc., were served by Bro. Eells till July, when he closed his labors. In August, Rev. S. E. Perkins and wife came to occupy Sherburne and Westford. Their work is well begun.

CLAREMONT and DODGE CENTER report a prosperous year in the completion of the payment on their house of worship. A recent cyclone unroofed the unfinished tower and otherwise damaged the building, which Pastor Drake has toiled with great energy to complete.

DEXTER has held firmly to Bro. Wright till he was compelled to leave for a milder climate for Mrs. Wright's sake. Grand Meadow has had Bro. Wright's services a part of the year. Bro. J. H. Skiles succeeds him.

EDGERTON, a new point on the Southern Minnesota Railway, has been worked by Bro. Matthews, of Lu Verne, and has a good class of workers with which to set out with the actual beginning of the year. It is to be yoked with LU VERNE and CLINTON under the new pastor. Bro. Slater's year closed July 1, the work proving too arduous for his health

FAIRMONT was in charge of Bro. Cutler till March, when the church cordially recalled Bro. Simpson. Removals, financial losses, and short crops have checked the work in that field. The present outlook is hopeful.

FREEDOM, EAST MAPLETON, DANVILLE, and MINNESOTA LAKE have been in care of Bro. Armstrong, and faithfully served. Loss of crops for a series of years has made the field one demanding great patience and courage. It is to be self-supporting after this year.

MANKATO gains on its previous excellent annual record, especially in raising $1,000 toward the payment of its debt. I know of no better place for $400 more than that, so that the whole $1,400 could be paid. One hundred and forty-three have been added to this church in Bro. Chaney's eight years, seventy-seven on profession, sixty-six by letter. All meetings are reported unusually full.

MCPHERSON had a series of excellent meetings, conducted by Bro. Robert Smith of St. Paul, in the winter, resulting in a good number of hopeful conversions. Strenuous efforts have been made to supply the vacancy made by Bro. Armstrong transferring his work from this to other points in November. They have succeeded by yoking with STERLING under Rev. A. T. Sherwin, from Wisconsin, and we hope for enlargement in every line of labor and results.

Bro. Graves, after three years of excellent work at MEDFORD, left at the be-

ginning of this month for the home of his son, in Chicot, Ark. The vacancy will be filled as soon as possible. The church has purchased and paid for a parsonage, repaired its house of worship and made an actual gain of twenty-one members in these three years.

MORRISTOWN and WATERVILLE, having been most faithfully and successfully served till June 23 by Bro. Sutherland, passed under the care of Rev. C. W. Bird of Bethlehem, Conn. The work opens well. Several removals from MORRISTOWN increase the burdens of those who remain.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, for six years under the blight of locusts and other calamities, early in the season called for a pastor. W. C. Wilcox, from Oberlin, came and spent three months. His work is warmly appreciated and commended. The little church of 6 members has added 11. Another man is expected to take up the work soon. Bro. Wilcox has returned to his studies at the seminary.

NEVADA and ROSE CREEK are thriving as never before, under the care of Bro. L. H. Moses. Local divisions seem to be healing, and a good spirit unites a large number in the Lord's work.

WASECA has had a year of unusual blessing spiritually, but one of severe losses by removals. Fears of losing Bro. Merrill disturbed the work for a time, but, greatly to the joy of his people and his brethren, he is to remain. A parsonage has been bought and other improvements made in church property.

WORTHINGTON was served by Bro. Hanna till a call to commercial life took him away at the close of his year, June 1. Early in August, Bro. H. H. Hart and wife began work reports of which are full of promise.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

AMIRET, CLIFTON, and STANLEY (formerly Underwood) have been supplied in part by Brethren Peregrine, from Custer, and Rogers, from Marshall. We have been in search of a man to take those three churches, as these brethren have all the work they can do in their own fields.

APPLETON has been faithfully served through the year by Bro. Ruddock. For the first six months it was worked with Ortonville. Since that time it has joined with Benson, which for more than a year had suffered from denominational rivalry. Both churches are now on a good footing.

June 26, Rev. A. Hadden, from Yale Seminary, took the work at ORTONVILLE, uniting with it Big Stone City, just across the line in Dakota, and Millbank Junction, twelve miles farther west, on the extension of the Hastings and Dakota Railway. A new house of worship, the great want of Ortonville, is now supplied, and we look for a year of large growth.

Bro. Davis closed his six months' engagement at GRANITE FALLS March 1. May 1, Bro. G. W. Sargent, from Wisconsin, took the field, has built him a house, and has the work well in hand.

Bro. Holden has so commended himself to the churches at BURNS and LAMBERTON that, Sept. 14, by council called for that purpose, he was ordained and installed pastor at Lamberton. Work has been begun on a new and greatly

needed church building at Lamberton, which will be ready for use, we hope, early next season.

Bro. Goodsell still "holds the fort" at HAVELOCK, LAC QUI PARLE, and MONTEVIDEO. Patient, persistent toil has been rewarded with growth numerically and spiritually. An imperative need for a long time has been a good house of worship.

MARSHALL hoped to go alone at the beginning of Bro. Rogers' year. Aid had to be asked for three months. The church debt had to be discounted somewhat; but the year has been a good one, and a grand future is before the church.

MARSHFIELD has moved bodily to Tyler, four miles away on the Dakota Central Railway, and is to be known hereafter by the name Tyler. Bro. Wilson has cared for TYLER, LAKE BENTON, LAKE STAY and several other points, traveling twenty-five miles each Lord's day, and preaching three times. The field is now divided. Bro. Wilson takes Lake Benton and points west. The eastern part is to be put in charge of a new man, Rev. Wm. Rice. A church is to be built at Lake Benton.

MORRIS rejoices in its neat, commodious church, now paid for, and employs the full time of Bro. Fonda, whose seventh year on the same field shows the great advantage of men coming to stay.

Bro. Loba toiled assiduously till the close of the year, July 1, at SLEEPY EYE. A diphtheria epidemic greatly interfered with the work, at the same time adding to his labor in the care of the sick and the dead. Leaving the ministry for the time, he takes charge of the Redwood Falls Academy. The last of September Rev. W. A. Lyman, from Wisconsin, took the work, parish and church cordially uniting on him.

TRACY, early in the season, called Rev. T. J. West, of Illinois, who formally accepted the call, but has not returned to the work. It greatly marred the work, by impairing confidence. In August Bro. Champlin visited the field, received and has accepted a call. We *believe* a season of steady and assured growth is before the church.

CUSTER, formerly TRACY BETHEL, is still in care of of Bro. Perigrine, is doing well financially, and gaining spiritually.

WALNUT STATION has had a year of religious interest, and steady growth with Bro. Simmons. Outlying points call for a large amount of work, and give the pastor all he can do.

This Conference greatly needs to be divided.

## WINONA CONFERENCE.

HIGH FOREST has gained as much or more in proportion, as any of the elder churches in the State. A work of grace in the winter brought in 37 new members. As Bro. Crane preached also in the Presbyterian church at Stewartville, a revival was enjoyed there. The converts desired to be organized into a Congregational church. A committee of these and of members of the Presbyterian church asked the Superintendent to come and assist in such an organization.

The Superintendent declined. A council was called. Upon careful examination of all the facts, especially the desire of some of the Presbyterian church, a church of 20 members was organized. The Superintendent was thus saved from violation of the "Comity Pledge," and at the same time a fundamental principle of our polity carried out, viz.: that all power lies with the people. The whole field, in all the churches has been greatly blest.

MAZEPPA resumed work Nov. 1, with Bro. Painter as pastor. Excellent work has been done, and nothing but sectarian divisions have hindered the largest and best results.

Bro. Snell is on his twenty-fifth year at RUSHFORD. Religious interest was awakened in, and followed Bro. Burnell's meetings, and 23 have been added to the church during the year.

YUCATAN has been absorbed into the Rushford church. This field, Excelsior and Sauk Rapids show the immense advantage of long pastorates.

A new and promising church was organized at WITOKA, ten miles south of Winona, it having been worked up by Deacon Bally and Revs. H. Elmer, and J. H. Morley, of the church in Winona. A building has been purchased, mainly by the people alone, for a church. Bros. Elmer and Morley have thus far cared for the church.

### OTHER HELPERS.

Bro. Henry Plant, of Minneapolis, has done most efficient work in Bible services, Sunday School conventions, etc. We believe we express the unanimous opinion of our brethren in heartily commending him and his work wherever needed. Bro. Robert Smith, of St. Paul, has also been signally owned and blest of God in seasons of revival, the fruits of which are the best evidence that the work is of God. Bro. K. A. Burnell, in response to the invitation of the conference committees, held services of from one to three days in some sixty places. No report of results has been made to us by him or the fields visited. In several instances brethren have said the time spent was too short to secure results of a permanent character.

### M. W. H. M. S.

At our last conference, the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was put in vigorous working condition, the results of whose efforts will appear in their report. Great interest has been awakened by the boxes for children, and a generous amount has been raised that would not have been but for this organization. We most earnestly wish every one of our Sabbath Schools had Mrs. Hackett's boxes. Beyond the collection of pennies, the children are taught to know and love the Lord's work.

### GAINS, LOSSES AND GIFTS.

Twelve of the 19 aided churches of Anoka Conference report a total of 37 added on profession; 9 of the 19 report 38 added by letter; $259.36 are reported

as contributed to the A. H. M. S.; $429.29 as the total given to benevolence. Six churches report no gifts.

Four of the 16 aided churches of the Northern Pacific Conference report a total of 21 added on profession; 7 of the 16 report 51 added by letter; 11 report $127.24 contributed to the A. H. M. S., and a total to benevolence of $210.70.

Thirteen of the 34 aided churches of the Owatonna Conference report 86 added on profession; 8 report 42 added by letter; 25 of the 34 report $367.38 given to the A. H. M. S.; $665.89 to all objects.

Nine of the 21 aided churches in the Western Conference report 18 added by profession; 13 of the 21, 49 added by letter; 18 report $150.13 given to the A. H. M. S.; $342.84 to all objects.

Four of the five aided churches in Winona Conference report 72 added on profession; 17 by letter; $92.11 given to the A. H. M. S.; $122.83 in all.

Summing Up—Forty-two of the 95 added churches report 234 added by profession; 41 of these churches report 197 aided by letter; total, 431; $1,028.22 were given to home missions by 72 churches, 23 reporting nothing; total benevolence in these churches, $1,779.55. Additions to the aided churches have been 61 more than last year. The percentage of additions in the missionary churches on profession has been more by four per cent. and by letter more by three per cent. than in the self-supporting churches.

Both together will be grateful to God for blessings given, but will earnestly covet better things for the year to come.

L. H. COBB, Superintendent.

# PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL CONFERENCES

## ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Met at Clearwater, June 8th and 9th, 1880.

Moderators, Revs. L. H. Cobb and W. M. Jenkins; scribe, Rev. I. L. Corey. Sermon by Rev. Q. L. Dowd, of Alexandria; text, Matt. xxv., 21. The roll completed, showed an attendance of, ministers, 11; delegates, 14; also, Rev. L. H. Cobb.

Topics were opened for discussion as follows:

"The Duty of the Church in the Temperance Work," by Rev. A. R. Fox.

"Distributed Benevolence," by Rev. L. H. Cobb.

"How Can the Attendance of Children at the Church Services Be Secured," by Rev. N. H. Pierce.

"Current Forms of Unbelief, and the Best Method of Meeting It," by Rev. M. M. G. Dana.

"How Shall Soundness in the Faith be Preserved," by Rev, R. S. Cross.

"How Shall we Make our Church Work More Aggressive?" by Rev. I. L. Corey.

"The Christian as a Citizen," by Rev. M. M. G. Dana.

A paper was also presented on "Woman's Worth and Work in the Church," by Mrs. S. Whiting.

The report of a committee recommending a division of the Conference was laid on the table one year.

The following persons were appointed to represent the Conference at the National Council: Revs. M. M. G. Dana, George A. Hood, Q. L. Dowd, Henry Plant. Alternates—Revs. E. M. Williams, E. S. Williams, N. C. Chapin, D. C. Bell.

A children's meeting was held. Also, a meeting of the Northern Association, which voted to merge itself into the Anoka Conference.

Next meeting appointed at Glencoe, Dec. 7th, 1880.

Committee to amend the Constitution of the Conference, as may be required by the action disbanding the Northern Association—Rev. Q. L. Dowd, Rev. G. A. Hood, and S. P. Fuller.

Committee on Credentials—Revs. G. A. Hood and Q. L. Dowd, and C. W. Hackett, Esq.

E. M. WILLIAMS, Registrar.

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## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

The Northern Pacific Conference met at Audubon, June 1st and 2d, and was opened by a sermon from Rev. R. A. Beard.

The following papers were presented: "Relation of the Sunday School to the Church and Parish," by Rev. J. R. Irwin. "The Manliness of Christ," reviewed by W. E. Mather; "Our Duty in View of the Demands for Christian Work on the Frontier;" Importance of Pastoral Readings from house to house," by Rev. R. A. Beard.

The following were nominated as Home Missionary Committee: Rev. R. A. Beard, S. H. Barteau, and H. J. Zercher.

These were appointed delegates to the National Council: Rev. R. A. Beard, F. Jacobson, Jr.

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## OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting was held at Fairmont, June 1, 2, 1880. Opening sermon by Rev. C. W. Merrill, of Waseca; subject, "Some Lessons from the Life of Esther."

Members present—Ministers, 10; delegates, 8.

Rev. Wilbur Fisk was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. B. Wright Secretary and Treasurer.

Revs. C. E. Wright, D. A. Morehouse, and C. W. Merrill were nominated to the Minn. H. M. Soc. for Executive Committee and Committee on Home Evangelization.

The following were chosen delegates to the National Council, viz.: Revs. C. E. Wright, C. W. Merrill and A. Simpson, and Bro. J. B. Thayer, principals; and Revs. T. C. Northcott, R. B. Wright, D. A. Morehouse, and Prof. Payne, alternates.

The proposition to divide the Conference was favorably considered, and the decision left to a vote, to be taken at a called meeting of Conference, to be held at the meeting of General Conference.

The Owatonna Association having recommended that all matters pertaining to ministerial standing should be transferred from the Association to the Conference, the Conference voted to accept the trust.

"A paper on "The Incarnation" was read by Rev. R. B. Wright.

Next regular meeting at Dodge Center, Dec. 7th and 8th.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The proposed meeting to consider the matter of dividing the Conference was held at the call of the Moderator in Northfield, Oct. 13th.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank was chosen scribe to fill the vacancy occasioned by Bro. Wright's removal from the State.

It having been ascertained that the churches were generally in favor of the proposed division, the following were by vote dismissed from the new conference, viz.:

Churches—Albert Lea, Alden, Belgrade, Butternut Valley Salem, Butternut Valley Goshen, Chain Lake Center, Edgerton, Fairmont, Freeborn, Freedom, Hartland, Lu Verne and Clinton, Mankato, Mapleton East, McPherson, Mountain Lake, Providence, Sherburne, South Bend, Sterling, Westford, Worthington, and Waseca.

Ministers—Revs. R. W. Armstrong, L. W. Chaney, Wilbur Fisk, C. W. Merrill, and A. Simpson.

J. B. FAIRBANK, Scribe.

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THE WESTERN CONFERENCE.

The Western Conference met at Walnut Station, June 10th and 11th. Opening sermon by Rev. D. Goodsell, of Montevideo.

Rev, P. Peregrine read a paper on "The Pastor's Place in Church Business Matters;" Rev. D. Goodsell another, on "Church Officers' Aid to the Pastor;' Rev. G. S. Innes (Meth.), by request, on "The Duty of a Pastor to his Successor."

"A Successful Church; What is it?" was discussed by Conference; also, "The Tendency to Separate Religion from Secular Affairs." Rev. V. E. Loba discussed "Theological Flexibility and Firmness;" Rev. G. S. Rogers, "The Relation of Belief to Character." "The Religious Newspaper in the Family," had a general and very vigorous discussion. Rev. George Holden read a paper on "Christian Methods of Raising Money for Church Purposes." Rev. William Wilson discussed the "Advantages of Extempore Speaking, and how Obtained." Rev. J. L. Fonda read a paper on the "Laws of Spiritual Life." Supt. Cobb spoke on "Distributed Benevolence."

The following were nominated as Home Missionary Committee: Revs. H. C. Simmons, J. L. Fonda, and Dennis Goodsell.

And these were chosen delegates to the National Council: Revs. J. L. Fonda and V. E. Loba.

J. L. FONDA, Scribe.

## WINONA CONFERENCE.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Winona Conference was held at St. Charles, May 18th and 19th, 1880; Moderator, Rev. J. W. Ray; Scribe, Rev. P. B. Fisk; annual sermon by Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, of Rochester.

H. M. Soc. Conference Committee: Revs. Morley, Fisk and Bradshaw.

Papers were read and discussed, as follows: "Responsibility of the Pews," Rev. J. H. Tuttle; "The true Motive to Christian Activity," Rev. H. K. Painter; "Character as a Spiritual Force;" Rev. C. A. Conant; "How to Increase the Effectiveness of Public Worship upon the Sabbath," Rev. J. H. Morley; review of the book, "One Fold and One Shepherd," Rev. P. B. Fisk.

Reports of the churches showed a net loss by emigration and death.

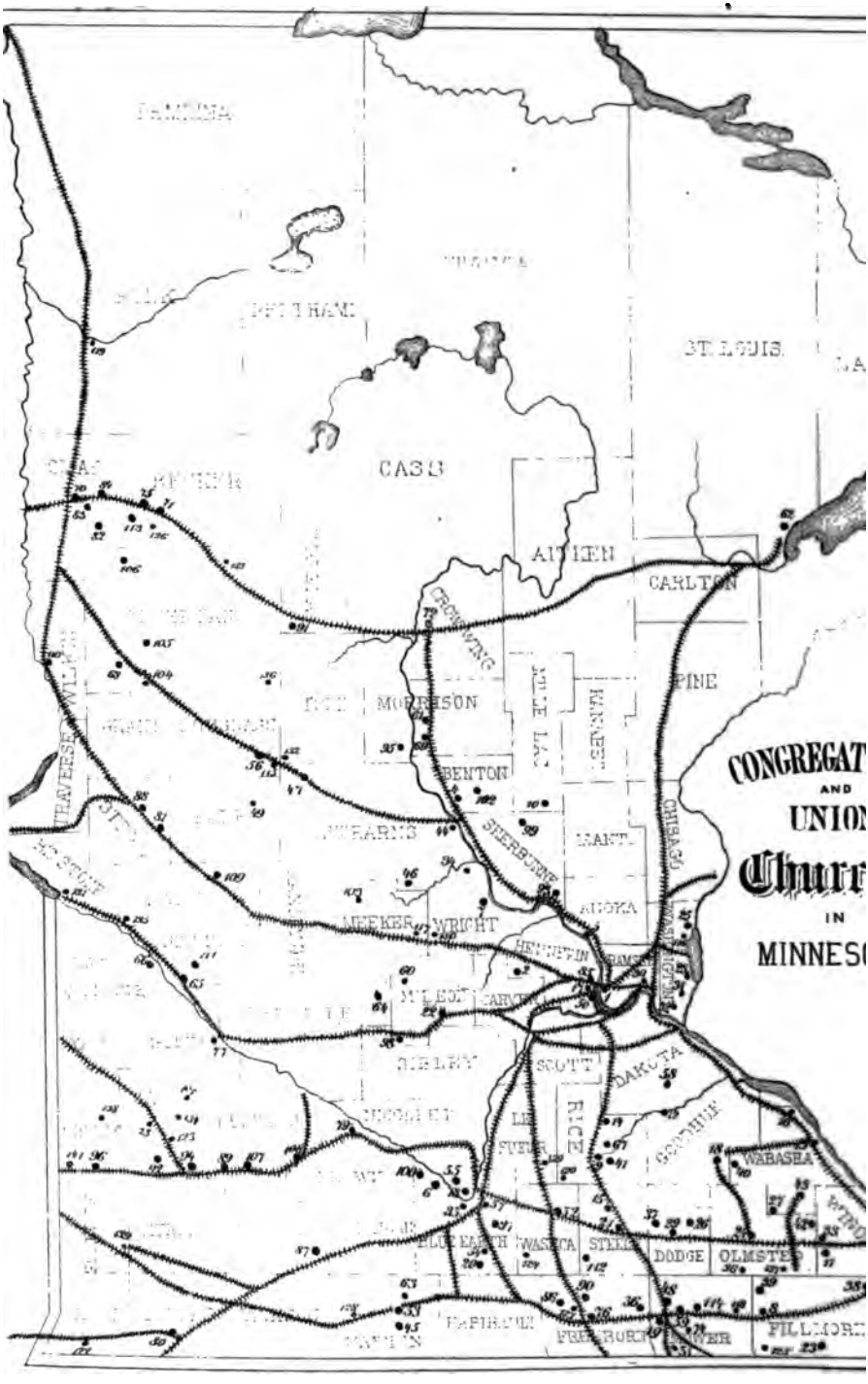
Delegates to National Council, Revs. P. B. Fisk, Charles Gerrish. Alternates, Revs. J. W. Bradshaw, A. C. Smith.

Measures for the union of the Association and Conference, were completed so far as to turn over all matters of ministerial standing and approbation of candidates for the ministry, to the Conference.

The Secretary, with the Home Missionary Committee, was made the Committee on the Credentials of Ministers.

Next meeting at Winona, third Tuesday in May, Rev. H. B. Tuttle to preach the annual sermon.

P. B. FISK, Scribe.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# CHURCHES BY COUNTIES AND KEY TO MAP.

ANOKA.

5. Anoka.

BECKER.

75. Audubon.
71. Detroit.
128. Lake View.
113. Lake Park.

BENTON.

102. Gilmanton.
4. Sauk Rapids.

BIG STONE.

131. Ortonville.

BLUE EARTH.

6. Butternut Valley.
100. Goshen.
54. East Mapelton.
57. Mankato.
97. McPherson.
35. South Bend.
20. Sterling.

BROWN.

108. Burns.
79. Sleepy Eye.

CHIPPEWA.

111. Havelock.
65. Montevideo.

CLAY.

70. Glyndon.
84. Hawley.
83. Muskoda.
82. Park.

COTTONWOOD.

87. Mountain Lake.

CROW WING.

72. Brainerd.

DAKOTA.

58. Douglas.

DODGE.

37. Claremont.
29. Dodge Center.
26. Mantorville.

DOUGLAS.

58. Alexandria.
115. Osakis.

FILLMORE.

125. Granger.
39. Hamilton.
23. Lenora.
38. Rushford.
8. Spring Valley.

FREEBORN.

76. Albert Lea.
127. Alden.
86. Freeborn.
90. Hartland.

GOODHUE.

12. Cannon Falls.
18. Zumbrota.

HENNEPIN.

2. Excelsior.
1. Minneapolis—First.
17. Minneapolis—Plym'th.
50. Minneapolis—Second.
95. Minneapolis—Pilgrim.

LAC QUI PARLE.

88. Lac qui Parle.

LE SUEUR.

129. Waterville.

LINCOLN.

141. Lake Benton.
138. Lake Stay.
96. Tyler.

LYON.

123. Amiret.
134. Clifton.
92. Custer—Bethel.
73. Marshall.
94. Tracy.
101. Stanley.

M'LEOD.

22. Glencoe.
60. Hutchinson.
98. Round Grove.

MARTIN.

45. Chain Lake Center.
53. Fairmont.
128. Sherburne.
63. Westford.

MEEKER.

117. Dassel.
103. Union Grove.

MILLE LAC.

10. Princeton.

MORRISON.

61. Belle Prairie.
69. Little Falls.
95. Two Rivers.

MOWER.

19. Austin.
59. Brownsdale.
114. Dexter.
118. Grand Meadow.
48. Lansing.
51. Nevada.
74. Rose Creek.

NICOLLET.

78. Belgrade.
55. Providence.

NOBLES.

80. Worthington.

OLMSTED.

36. High Forest.
42. Quincy.
24. Rochester.
137. Stewartville.

OTTERTAIL.

136. Easton.
68. Fergus Falls.
105. Maine.
133. Perham.
106. Scambler.
104. St. Olaf.

PIPESTONE.

139. Edgerton.

POLK.

119. Crookston.

POPE.

49. Glenwood.

RAMSEY.

30. St. Paul.

REDWOOD.

107. Lamberton.
89. Walnut Station.

RENVILLE.

64. Preston Lake.

RICE.

67. Cannon City.
41. East Prairieville.
9. Faribault.
120. Morristown.
14. Northfield.

ROCK.

122. La Verne and Clinton.

ST. LOUIS.

62. Duluth.

SHERBURNE.

99. Baldwin.
93. Elk River.

STEARNS.

46. Paynesville.
47. Sauk Center.
44. St. Cloud.

STEELE.

112. Berlin.
15. Medford.
21. Owatonna.

STEVENS.

81. Hancock.
88. Morris.

SWIFT.

135. Appleton.
109. Benson.

TODD.

132. Gordon.

WABASHA.

27. Elgin.
16. Lake City.
40. Mazeppa.
43. Plainview.
13. Wabasha.

WADENA.

91. Wadena.

WASECA.

124. Freedom.
52. Waseca.

WASHINGTON.

31. Afton.
32. Cottage Grove.
28. Lakeland.
25. Marine.
116. Marine—Second.

WILKIN.

110. Breckenridge.

WINONA.

11. Saratoga.
33. St. Charles.
3. Winona.
140. Witoka.

WRIGHT.

34. Clearwater.
130. Cokato.
7. Monticello.

YELLOW MEDICINE.

77. Granite Falls.

# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBS. Aug. 31st, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | Bapti'm | | Sab. Schools | | | |
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| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | MINISTERS. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplin'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Total. |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | Geo. Hood | 1879 | .... | 5 | 18 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Alexandria | 1869 | 12 | 14 | Quincy L. Dowd | 1878 | .... | 14 | 31 | 45 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 90 | 40 | 130 | 60 |
| Anoka | 1857 | 5 | 6 | | | | 23 | 50 | 73 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 120 | .... | 120 | .... |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 2 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 1 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 25 | 50 | .... |
| Bluehill U | 1876 | 1 | 12 | David Henderson | 1878 | .... | 6 | 10 | 24 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | .... |
| Brownton | 1875 | 11 | 12 | Jas. B. Renshaw | 1880 | .... | 9 | 12 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 15 |
| Clearwater | 1879 | 3 | 28 | Pliny S. Smith | 1878 | .... | 14 | 55 | 15 | 15 | 9 | .... | 4 | .... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 98 | 32 | 130 | .... |
| Cokato | 1859 | 4 | 20 | Jacob S. Hull | 1879 | .... | 6 | 9 | 69 | 5 | 4 | .... | 9 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 35 | 75 | .... |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | Vacant | .... | .... | 24 | 55 | 79 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | 4 | 2 | 100 | .... | .... | .... |
| Dassel | 1878 | 2 | 25 | M. H. Smith | 1880 | .... | 8 | 21 | 29 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 45 | .... | 45 | 24 |
| Easton | 1879 | 11 | 12 | N. H. Pierce | 1880 | .... | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Elk River U | 1875 | 2 | 7 | W. M. Jenkins | 1878 | .... | 16 | 28 | 44 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | .... |
| Excelsior | 1858 | 7 | 17 | Chas. B. Sheldon | 1855 | .... | 41 | 64 | 105 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | 102 | 70 | 172 | 50 |
| Gilmanton | 1875 | 5 | 28 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 51 | .... | .... | .... |
| Glencoe | 1875 | 11 | 12 | Joseph Chandler | 1876 | .... | 10 | 25 | 35 | 3 | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 50 | .... | 50 | 23 |
| Glenwood | 1875 | 9 | 29 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Gordon | 1879 | 9 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 3 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | Jas. B. Renshaw | 1879 | 1879 | 9 | 16 | 25 | 1 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | .... | 80 | .... | 80 | 18 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | Geo. Hood | 1879 | .... | 3 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 25 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | D. W. Rosenkrans | 1875 | 1875 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 30 |
| Marine Mills—First | 1858 | 2 | 8 | C. H. Davis | 1880 | .... | 9 | 20 | 29 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 20 |
| Marine Mills—Second | 1878 | 2 | 6 | C. H. Davis | 1880 | .... | 6 | 16 | 22 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 18 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | Edward M. Williams | 1875 | 1876 | 55 | 82 | 137 | 24 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 240 | 70 | 310 | 85 |
| Minneapolis—Plym'th | 1857 | 4 | 28 | .... | .... | .... | 201 | 347 | 548 | 20 | 11 | 43 | 54 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 14 | 350 | 360 | 710 | .... |
| Minneapolis—Second | 1867 | 10 | 9 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | 1879 | 55 | 124 | 179 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 2 | 10 | .... | 12 | 11 | 1 | 175 | 153 | 328 | .... |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Geo. A. Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 35 | 63 | 98 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 200 | 25 | 225 | 40 |
| Monticello | 1856 | 3 | 8 | A. K. Fox | 1880 | .... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 15 |
| Osakis | 1877 | 11 | 24 | N. H. Pierce | 1880 | .... | 7 | 19 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 6 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 4 | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9 |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 10 |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 20 | David Henderson | 1878 | .... | 14 | 17 | 31 | 8 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 45 | 20 | 65 | .... |
| Sauk Centre | 1867 | 1 | 20 | Isaac L. Cory | 1879 | 1879 | 21 | 43 | 64 | 15 | 6 | 11 | 17 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 4 | 6 | 125 | .... | 125 | .... |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | N. C. Chapin | 1880 | .... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 16 | N. C. Chapin | 1880 | .... | 16 | 28 | 44 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 45 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M. M. G. Dana | 1878 | 1878 | 164 | 252 | 416 | .... | 13 | 31 | 44 | 2 | 3 | .... | 5 | 3 | 3 | 250 | 150 | 400 | 170 |
| Two Rivers U | 1875 | 5 | 2 | T. C. Kinne | 1875 | 1875 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 7 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 6 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 44 | 30 | 74 | 40 |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| | | | | | | | 859 | 1555 | 2414 | 261 | 122 | 158 | 280 | 21 | 67 | 17 | 105 | 65 | 41 | 2921 | 1010 | 3774 | 707 |

## ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dept. A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 21 25 | $ 19 00 | $ 10 05 | $ 7 12 | ..... | $ 7 77 | ..... | $ 3 00 | $ 68 19 | $ 340 00 | $ 408 19 |
| Alexandria | 15 10 | 42 28 | 6 35 | 6 00 | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 18 63 | 100 26 | 830 00 | 930 26 |
| Anoka | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 900 00 | 900 00 |
| Belle Prairie | ..... | 25 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 200 00 | 38 00 |
| Bluehill | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 35 00 | 225 00 |
| Brownton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| Cokato | ..... | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 00 | 150 00 | 154 00 |
| Clearwater | 10 50 | 79 80 | 1 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 40 | 98 70 | 480 16 | 578 86 |
| Cottage Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dassel | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,682 00 | 1,682 00 |
| Easton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 00 | 70 00 |
| Elk River U | ..... | ..... | 6 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 00 | 650 00 | 656 00 |
| Excelsior | 31 00 | 31 39 | 10 00 | 10 82 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | 98 21 | 1,150 00 | 1,248 21 |
| Gilmanton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Glencoe | ..... | 24 89 | ..... | 5 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 08 | 37 57 | 275 00 | 312 57 |
| Glenwood | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gordon | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hutchinson | 4 86 | 33 29 | 3 24 | 4 86 | ..... | 2 05 | ..... | ..... | 48 30 | 265 00 | 313 30 |
| Lakeland | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Little Falls | ..... | 16 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 00 | 200 00 | 216 00 |
| Marine Mills—First | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 00 | 400 00 |
| Marine Mills—Second | ..... | 1 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 12 | ..... | ..... | 34 62 | 150 00 | 183 12 |
| Minneapolis—First | 224 30 | 348 79 | 131 88 | 31 88 | $ 31 88 | 25 25 | ..... | 300 22 | 1,094 20 | 2,083 23 | 3,177 43 |
| Minneapolis—Plymouth | 659 99 | 767 38 | 416 54 | 324 87 | 83 36 | ..... | $ 41 74 | 3,592 22 | 5,886 10 | 8,000 00 | 13,886 00 |
| Minneapolis—Second | 10 32 | 10 32 | 6 88 | 6 88 | ..... | 17 71 | ..... | 270 30 | 322 41 | 2,970 92 | 3,293 33 |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 2 80 | 22 57 | 2 35 | 95 | 45 | 23 | ..... | 15 00 | 44 35 | 1,187 44 | 1,231 79 |
| Monticello | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 700 00 | 710 00 |
| Osakis | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,012 00 |
| Paynesville | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 10 00 | 60 00 | 70 00 |
| Preston Lake | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 48 00 | 53 00 |
| Princeton | 2 00 | 23 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 00 | 350 00 | 380 00 |
| Sauk Centre | ..... | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | 550 00 | 570 00 |
| Sauk Rapids | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 50 | 3 50 |
| St. Cloud | 17 44 | 13 00 | 6 40 | 7 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 20 | 48 04 | 850 00 | 898 04 |
| St. Paul | 155 31 | 334 67 | 36 90 | 35 36 | 22 86 | ..... | ..... | 748 41 | 1,333 52 | 14,093 41 | 15,426 92 |
| Two Rivers U | ..... | 20 99 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 99 | ..... | 20 99 |
| Union Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $1,154 87 | $1,869 87 | $ 639 59 | $ 448 34 | $ 138 55 | $ 98 13 | $ 41 47 | $4,987 38 | $9,378 47 | $39,921 66 | $49,323 12 |

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## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZ'D. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CH'RCH M'MBRS' August 31st, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | B'PT'SM | | SAB. SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplin'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Shools. | Total. | Families. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 10 | 10 | Henry J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 11 | 16 | 27 | 17 | .... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | 5 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 12 | R. A. Beard | 1879 | 1879 | 27 | 43 | 70 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 30 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 100 | .... | 100 | 34 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | J. O. Emerson | 1880 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | 30 | 65 | 50 |
| Crookston | 1878 | 4 | 24 | S. H. Barteau | 1879 | .... | 16 | 24 | 40 | 4 | .... | 16 | 16 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 60 | 40 | 100 | 50 |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 11 | Henry J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 25 | .... | 25 | 12 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | M. M. Tracy | 1879 | 1879 | 14 | 29 | 43 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 130 | .... | 130 | .... |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 3 | 3 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 7 | 21 | B. F. Shuart | 1880 | .... | 30 | 29 | 59 | .... | 6 | 12 | 18 | 2 | 4 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | .... |
| Hawley, U | 1873 | 8 | 11 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 9 | 14 | 23 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | | .... | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Lake View | 1879 | 2 | 5 | H. J. Zercher | 1879 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 7 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1878 | .... | 11 | 10 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 25 | 50 | 75 | 9 |
| Muskoda, U | 1873 | 8 | 14 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 11 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 13 | 12 | 25 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Perham | 1879 | 9 | 11 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | 11 | .... | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | .... |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .... | 8 | 19 | 27 | 5 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 120 | .... |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 18 | C. P. Cheeseman | 1878 | .... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| Wadena | 1874 | 9 | 29 | Josiah Kidder | 1880 | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | .... | .... | .... |
| | | | | | | | 170 | 257 | 437 | 64 | 27 | 64 | 91 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 670 | 120 | 755 | 179 |

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE and CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M | A. H. M. S. | A.M.A. | A.C. U. | College and Educ'l Soc. | S. S. Dep't A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $2 95 | $5 00 | $2 40 | $2 90 | | | | $1 00 | $14 25 | $ 278 00 | $292 25 |
| Brainerd | | 19 20 | | | | $3 00 | | | 22 20 | 1,500 00 | 1,522 20 |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | | | 5 00 | 219 20 | 219 20 | |
| Cookston | | 15 00 | | | | | | | 20 00 | 400 00 | 420 00 |
| Detroit | | 5 12 | | 1 45 | | | | | 6 57 | 370 00 | 376 57 |
| Duluth | 4 94 | 16 45 | 4 94 | 4 94 | | 24 94 | | | 56 21 | 645 62 | 701 83 |
| Fergus Falls | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glyndon | 13 00 | 40 00 | | | $2 80 | | | 7 80 | 62 80 | 1,192 69 | 1,255 49 |
| Hawley U | 10 00 | 21 00 | | | | | | | 31 00 | 300 00 | 331 00 |
| Lake Park | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake View | | 1 18 | | | | | | | 1 18 | 235 00 | 236 13 |
| Maine | | 16 00 | | | | | | | 16 00 | 350 00 | 366 00 |
| Muskoda U | | | | | | | | | | 4 00 | 4 00 |
| Park | | 1 00 | | | | | | | 1 00 | 10 00 | 11 00 |
| Perham | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scambler | | 26 29 | | | | | | | 26 29 | | 26 29 |
| St. Olaf | | 16 00 | | | | | | | 16 00 | 350 00 | 366 00 |
| Wadena | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | $30 89 | $182 24 | $7 34 | $9 29 | $2 80 | $27 94 | | $13 90 | $273 30 | $5,854 51 | $6,127 81 |

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| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZ'D. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH M'MBRS Aug. 31st, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | B'PTS'M. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | Families. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began la-bor. | Installed | Males. | Females. | Totals. | Absent. | Profes-sion. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismiss'd. | Disci-plined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In ch'rch S. S. | In Mis-sion S.S. | Total. | |
| Austin | 1857 | | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1874 | 1875 | 75 | 125 | 200 | 10 | 20 | 14 | 34 | .... | 4 | .... | 4 | 12 | 5 | 230 | 160 | 390 | 90 |
| Alden | 1879 | 3 | 12 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 8 | 8 | 16 | .... | 12 | 4 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 10 | 230 | .... | .... | .... |
| Albert Lea | 1872 | 10 | 23 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 14 | 29 | 43 | 12 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 90 | .... | .... | .... |
| Belgrade | 1873 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 15 | 22 | .... | 11 | 1 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | .... |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Brownsdale... [shen. | 1870 | 9 | 11 | Jas. S. Rounce | 1878 | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Butternut Valley, Go- | 1876 | 4 | 3 | P. Peregrine | 1880 | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 |
| Butternut Valley, Sa- | 1855 | 10 | 13 | P. Peregrine | 1880 | .... | 16 | 15 | 31 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | .... | 45 | 15 |
| Cannon City.....[lem. | 1872 | 2 | 20 | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 9 | 12 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9 | .... | 9 | .... | .... | 20 | .... | .... | .... |
| Carson and Dalton... | 1874 | 5 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | .... | 9 | 2 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 5 | 45 | 62 | 104 | 26 |
| Chain Lake Centre... | 1865 | 5 | 29 | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | .... | .... | .... |
| Claremont.. | 1860 | 5 | .... | A. H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 15 | 20 | 35 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 60 | .... | 60 | 18 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 5 | J. H. Skiles | 1880 | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | 1 | 65 | 60 | 125 | 50 |
| Dodge Centre | 1858 | 6 | 6 | A. H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 11 | 16 | 27 | 7 | .... | 7 | 7 | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 80 | 25 |
| Edgerton | 1880 | 5 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | Adam Simpson | 1880 | .... | 24 | 38 | 62 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 13 | 13 | .... | .... | 60 | .... | .... | .... |
| Faribault | 1856 | 7 | 8 | T. C. Northcott | 1878 | .... | 83 | 142 | 225 | 30 | .... | 8 | 8 | 1 | 5 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 125 | .... | 125 | .... |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 15 | 75 | 18 |
| Freedom | 1878 | 11 | 12 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | 1878 | 6 | 8 | 13 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 95 | .... | 95 | 14 |
| Gilbert | 1860 | 5 | 18 | .... | .... | .... | 8 | 18 | 26 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 5 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Grand Meadow | 1877 | 4 | 11 | J. H. Skiles | 1880 | .... | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 70 | .... | 70 | .... |
| Hartland | 1874 | 9 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 13 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 19 | J. S. Rounce | 1878 | .... | 5 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 4 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 70 | .... | 70 | .... |
| Lu Verne and Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 8 | 15 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 34 | .... | 34 | 10 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | L. W. Chaney | 1872 | 1873 | 60 | 76 | 136 | 51 | 16 | 16 | 32 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | 13 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 60 |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | .... | 22 | 43 | 65 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 12 | .... | 13 | 3 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | 40 |
| Mapleton, East | 1879 | 9 | 5 | R. S. Armstrong | 1877 | .... | 2 | 6 | 8 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 35 | 35 | 26 |
| McPherson | 1875 | 6 | 6 | A. T. Sherwin | 1880 | .... | 2 | 6 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 6 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | .... | 1877 | .... | 17 | 36 | 53 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 70 | .... | 70 | .... |
| Morristown | 1878 | 5 | 5 | C. W. Bird | 1880 | .... | 11 | 12 | 23 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | 17 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | .... | 3 | 2 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | D. L. Leonard | 1875 | .... | 147 | 186 | 333 | 28 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 7 | .... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 280 | 170 | 450 | .... |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | D. A. Merchouse | 1876 | .... | 65 | 105 | 170 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 8 | .... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | .... | 165 | .... | 165 | 80 |
| Providence | 1864 | 9 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | 10 | 15 | 25 | 2 | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | .... | 2 | 9 | 11 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Sherburne | 1879 | 3 | 16 | S. K. Perkins | 1880 | .... | 6 | 6 | 12 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| South Bend | 1859 | .... | .... | (Welsh) | .... | .... | 5 | 3 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | 15 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | A. T. Sherwin | 1880 | .... | 15 | 16 | 31 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 12 |
| Waterville | 1879 | 3 | 23 | C. W. Bird | 1880 | .... | 6 | 9 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Wasecn | 1868 | 1 | 16 | C. W. Merrill | 1879 | .... | 43 | 76 | 119 | 13 | 32 | 9 | 41 | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | 19 | 2 | 150 | .... | 150 | .... |
| Westford | 1871 | 5 | 23 | S. K. Perkins | 1880 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 15 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 18 | H. H. Hart | 1880 | .... | 25 | 45 | 70 | 8 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 19 | .... | 19 | 1 | .... | 60 | 20 | 80 | 35 |
| | | | | | | | 800 | 1214 | 2014 | 275 | 149 | 82 | 231 | 12 | 85 | 20 | 117 | 79 | 32 | 2979 | 587 | 3151 | 871 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert Lea | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alden | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austin | $178 19 | $138 50 | $ 67 82 | $ 27 13 | | $13 69 | | 22 01 | $ 447 34 | $1,783 00 | $2,230 34 |
| Belgrace | | 4 50 | | | | | | | 4 50 | 60 00 | 64 50 |
| Berlin | | | | | | | | | | 65 00 | 65 00 |
| Browndale | | 21 00 | | 3 00 | | | | 10 00 | 34 00 | 450 00 | 484 00 |
| Butternut Valley, Goshen | | 40 | | | | | | | 40 | | 40 |
| Butternut Valley, Salem | | 11 13 | | | | | | | 11 13 | | 11 13 |
| Cannon City | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carson and Delton | | 7 00 | | | | 3 60 | | 5 25 | 8 85 | 75 00 | 83 85 |
| Chain Lake Centre | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cirremont | 1 25 | 12 00 | | | | | | 10 00 | 23 25 | 75 00 | 98 25 |
| Dexter | 2 00 | 8 00 | 3 00 | 2 10 | $ 1 50 | 10 00 | $ 1 00 | | 27 50 | 550 00 | 557 50 |
| Dodge Center | 1 00 | 9 00 | | | | | | | 10 00 | 140 00 | 150 00 |
| Edgerton | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fasrmont | | 32 00 | | | | 15 00 | | | 47 00 | 450 00 | 497 00 |
| Faribault | 63 74 | 73 52 | 67 62 | | | | | 69 75 | 274 63 | 3,300 00 | 3,574 63 |
| Freeborn | 2 00 | 12 63 | | | | | | | 14 63 | 604 50 | 619 13 |
| Freedom | | 11 75 | | | | | | 13 53 | 25 28 | 157 78 | 283 06 |
| Gilbert | | 20 00 | | 25 00 | | | | 10 00 | 55 00 | 15 00 | 70 00 |
| Grand Meadow | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland | | 14 00 | | | | 3 20 | | | 17 20 | 320 00 | 337 20 |
| Lansing | | 10 00 | | | | | | 7 00 | 17 00 | 125 00 | 142 00 |
| Lu Verne and Clinton | | 2 50 | | | | | | | 2 50 | 155 00 | 157 50 |
| Mankato | 11 57 | 42 00 | 7 56 | 7 56 | | | 1 90 | 88 89 | 154 89 | 1,040 00 | 1,194 89 |
| Mantorville | 13 85 | 13 34 | | | | | | 43 25 | 70 34 | 726 58 | 796 92 |
| Mapleton East | | 7 39 | | | | | | | 7 39 | 56 69 | 64 08 |
| McPherson | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 75 00 | 80 00 |
| Medford | 5 00 | 40 00 | 6 00 | 3 00 | | | | | 54 00 | 7 5 00 | 839 00 |
| Morristown | | 7 00 | | | | | | | 7 00 | 330 50 | 337 50 |
| Nevada | 1 65 | 4 00 | 1 00 | | | | | | 6 65 | | 6 65 |
| Northfield | 225 48 | 202 43 | 212 33 | 66 32 | 23 45 | 44 92 | 11 94 | 144 90 | 886 85 | 2,000 00 | 2,886 85 |
| Owatonna | 119 09 | 60 96 | 17 76 | 11 62 | 1 00 | | 2 67 | 23 82 | 236 92 | 1,640 00 | 1,876 92 |
| Providence | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rose Creek | 3 35 | 8 00 | 1 00 | 2 00 | | | | | 12 35 | | |
| Sherburne | | | 1 30 | | | | | 55 00 | 56 30 | 150 00 | 206 30 |
| South Bend | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sterling | 5 00 | 30 00 | | 4 00 | | | | | 39 00 | 200 00 | 239 00 |
| Waseca | 42 12 | 91 32 | 40 50 | 4 42 | | 14 85 | | 13 65 | 206 86 | 1,260 00 | 1,466 86 |
| Waterville | | 6 00 | | | | | | | 6 00 | 150 00 | 156 00 |
| Westford | 1 10 | 4 50 | | | | | | | 5 60 | 75 00 | 80 60 |
| Worthington | | 16 08 | | 17 32 | | | | | 33 40 | 550 00 | 583 40 |
| | $676 39 | $982 95 | $422 30 | $173 37 | $25 95 | $105 26 | $17 51 | $517 05 | $2,920 78 | $17,364 05 | $20284 83 |

Executive Committee—Rev. R. A. Beard, Brainerd, Revs. M. M. Tracy, and S. H. Barteau. Registrar—T. W. Dunlap, Audubon.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMB. Aug. 31, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | ORGANIZED Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Amiret | 1878 | 7 | 17 | P. Peregrine | 1876 | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | ... | .. | ... | ... | .... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Appleton | 1879 | 10 | 16 | C. A. Ruddock | 1879 | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 60 | .... |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | C. A. Ruddock | 1880 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Burns | 1876 | 6 | 18 | Geo. Holden | 1879 | 1879 | 11 | 11 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 8 | .... | .. | .... | .. | 3 | 1 | 45 | .... | 45 | 9 |
| Clifton | 1879 | 9 | 24 | ..... | .... | .... | 3 | 9 | 12 | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 10 |
| Custer—Bethel | 1875 | 1 | 20 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 18 | 17 | 35 | 10 | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 55 | .... | 55 | 25 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | Geo. W. Sargent | 1880 | .... | 14 | 23 | 37 | 9 | .... | 2 | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 40 | 30 | 70 | 23 |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | Geo. B. Nutting | 1879 | .... | 14 | 15 | 29 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 45 | 60 | 105 | .... |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | D. Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | .. | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 20 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | D. Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 2 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 25 |
| Lake Benton | 1880 | 7 | 7 | Wm. Wilson | 1879 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | .... | 1 | 8 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 75 | 35 | 110 | 30 |
| Lake Stay | 1880 | 4 | 11 | Wm. Wilson | 1880 | .... | 2 | 2 | 4 | .... | .. | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | 25 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 20 | Geo. Holden | 1879 | 1880 | 24 | 22 | 46 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 55 | 40 | 95 | 18 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 10 | 6 | S. J. Rogers | 1879 | .... | 18 | 55 | 73 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | .... | 2 | 90 | 50 | 140 | 70 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | D. Goodsell | 1879 | .... | 11 | 15 | 26 | 2 | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 30 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 15 | 21 | 36 | .... | .... | 4 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 80 | 75 | 155 | .... |
| Ortonville | 1879 | 9 | 7 | A. Hadden | 1880 | .... | 5 | 6 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | W. A. Lyman | 1880 | .... | 14 | 16 | 30 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 15 | 40 | 4 |
| Stanley | 1876 | 5 | 16 | ..... | .... | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 15 |
| Tracy—Union | 1875 | 3 | 4 | ..... | .... | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | ... | .... | 4 | 4 | ... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Tyler | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Wm. Wilson | 1879 | ... | 7 | 8 | 12 | 1 | .... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 15 |
| Walnut Grove | 1874 | 8 | 23 | H. C. Simmons | 1879 | .... | 22 | 33 | 55 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 60 | 50 | 110 | .... |
| | | | | | | | 216 | 316 | 532 | 65 | 20 | 53 | 73 | 6 | 17 | .... | 23 | 8 | 15 | 1030 | 380 | 1370 | 319 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M | A. H. M. S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | Col. & Educational Society. | S. S. Department A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benefits. | Total Benefits. | Church Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amiret | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Appleton | | $10 00 | | | | | | | $10 00 | $ 415 00 | $425 00 |
| Benson | | 2 50 | | | | | | | 2 50 | 205 00 | 207 50 |
| Burns | | 6 50 | | | | | | | 6 50 | 132 00 | 138 50 |
| Clifton | $ 1 00 | 1 03 | | | | | | | 1 03 | 5 00 | 6 03 |
| Custer—Bethel | | 19 50 | | $3 25 | | | | $38 00 | 61 75 | 120 00 | 181 75 |
| Granite Falls | | 3 09 | | | | | | 5 20 | 8 29 | 511 20 | 519 49 |
| Hancock | 29 | | | | | | | | | 232 65 | 232 65 |
| Havelock | 1 72 | 1 00 | | | | | | | 1 29 | 64 00 | 65 29 |
| Lac qui Parle | | 6 41 | | | | | | | 8 13 | 125 00 | 133 13 |
| Lake Benton | | 13 30 | | | | | | | 13 30 | 750 00 | 763 30 |
| Lake Stay | | 1 00 | | | | | | | 1 00 | 8 00 | 9 00 |
| Lamberton | 15 00 | 12 50 | | | | $ 1 50 | | 5 00 | 19 00 | 302 00 | 321 00 |
| Marshall | 1 01 | 13 87 | | 11 63 | | | | | 40 50 | 1,180 00 | 1,220 50 |
| Montevideo | 9 10 | 8 13 | 60 | 1 00 | | | | 57 | 11 31 | 525 00 | 536 31 |
| Morris | | 18 50 | $4 53 | 9 10 | | | | | 49 32 | 2,467 85 | 2,517 17 |
| Ortonville | | 2 50 | | | | | | 8 07 | 24 50 | 303 70 | 328 20 |
| Sleepy Eye | | 12 00 | | | | | | 22 00 | 13 62 | 635 00 | 648 62 |
| Stanley | | | | | | | | 1 62 | | 5 00 | 5 00 |
| Tracy—Union | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tyler | | 3 30 | | | | | | | 3 30 | 300 00 | 303 30 |
| Walnut Grove | 1 50 | 15 00 | | 1 00 | | | | 50 00 | 67 50 | 875 00 | 942 50 |
| | $29 62 | $ 150 13 | $5 15 | $25 98 | | $1 50 | | $130 46 | $342 84 | $9,161 40 | $9,504 24 |

Executive Committee—Rev. H. C. Simmons, Walnut Station; Revs. J. L. Fonda, D. Goodsell. Registrar—Rev. J. L. Fonda, Morris.

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZ'D. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CH'RCH M'MBRS. Aug. 31st, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | B'PTS'M | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 31 | C. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 28 | 41 | 69 | 12 | 6 | .... | 6 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 27 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 8 | 28 | C. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 17 | 20 | 37 | 2 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | | .... | .... | 15 | 16 | 31 | 19 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Granger | 1878 | 11 | 17 | | .... | .... | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 12 | E. W. Merrill | 1880 | .... | 33 | 37 | 70 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 120 | .... | 120 | .... |
| High Forest | 1860 | 6 | 21 | Edward P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 18 | 31 | 49 | .... | 37 | 3 | 40 | .... | 2 | .. | 2 | 32 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 20 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | Perrin B. Fisk | 1877 | 1878 | 39 | 74 | 113 | 26 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 106 | .... | 106 | 87 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | | .... | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .. | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 5 | 19 | H. K. Painter | 1879 | 1880 | 12 | 40 | 52 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 10 | ... | 2 | .... | 2 | 7 | ... | 75 | .... | 75 | .... |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | | .... | .... | 57 | 91 | 148 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 16 | .... | 18 | 3 | .... | 190 | .... | 190 | .... |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | .... | Unsupplied | .... | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 8 | J. W. Bradshaw | 1879 | 1880 | 56 | 104 | 160 | 36 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 2 | 7 | .... | 9 | 5 | 1 | 130 | 40 | 170 | .... |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | W. W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 21 | 37 | 58 | 13 | 5 | 11 | 16 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 25 | 100 | 40 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 25 | | .... | .... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | J. B. Fairbank | 1879 | .... | 54 | 92 | 136 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 7 | .... | 9 | .... | 9 | 5 | .... | 140 | 50 | 190 | 75 |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 26 | H. B. Tuttle | 1879 | ... | 25 | 61 | 86 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | 7 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 60 |
| Stewartville | 1880 | 3 | 24 | E. P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 10 | 13 | 23 | .... | 22 | 1 | 23 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 10 | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 13 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. W. Ray | 1877 | ... | 33 | 65 | 98 | 34 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 6 | .... | 8 | .... | 6 | 100 | 9 | 109 | .... |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | J. H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | 73 | 183 | 256 | 25 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 550 | ... | 550 | .... |
| Witoka | 1880 | 5 | 20 | Hiram Elmer | 1880 | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | .... | 6 | 4 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | C. H. Rogers | 1879 | .... | 63 | 101 | 164 | 11 | 28 | 16 | 44 | .... | 17 | .... | 17 | 16 | 3 | 300 | .... | 300 | .... |
| | | | | | | | 587 | 948 | 1535 | 267 | 156 | 79 | 235 | 14 | 82 | 2 | 98 | 100 | 24 | 2255 | 124 | 2349 | 332 |

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A.M.A. | A. C. U. | College & Educa'n Society. | S. S. Dep't A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | $ 5 56 | $ 32 46 | $13 88 | $12 50 | | | | | $ 64 40 | $1,215 03 | $1,279 43 |
| Douglass | | 6 00 | | 2 50 | | | | | 8 50 | 225 00 | 233 50 |
| Elgin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Granger | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | | 10 00 |
| Hamilton | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | | $ 10 00 | 30 00 | 364 21 | 394 21 |
| High Forest | | 10 00 | | | | | | | 10 00 | 810 00 | 820 00 |
| Lake City | 4 70 | 37 40 | 25 00 | 4 75 | | $12 15 | $ 3 35 | 40 00 | 127 35 | 1,300 00 | 1,427 35 |
| Lenora | | 10 59 | | | | | | | 10 59 | 115 00 | 125 59 |
| Mazeppa | | 30 00 | | | | | | | 30 00 | 608 73 | 638 73 |
| Plainview | 24 00 | 50 00 | 37 00 | 26 50 | | | | | 137 50 | 800 00 | 937 50 |
| Quincy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 77 78 | 36 29 | | | | | | 89 95 | 216 76 | 1,632 00 | 1,848 76 |
| Rushford | 3 00 | 36 62 | | 12 74 | $2 62 | | | 25 00 | 67 24 | 851 26 | 918 50 |
| Saratoga | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Valley | 8 00 | 44 00 | 20 33 | 20 33 | 5 20 | | 3 23 | 8 00 | 109 09 | 1,004 00 | 1,113 09 |
| St. Charles | 5 19 | 18 88 | 6 88 | 6 39 | | | | | 30 46 | 904 61 | 935 07 |
| Stewartville | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 205 00 | 210 00 |
| Wabasha | 13 00 | 22 25 | 16 55 | 5 00 | 5 93 | | 4 50 | 27 00 | 94 53 | 690 00 | 784 53 |
| Winona | 227 00 | 225 00 | 73 74 | 31 50 | 5 50 | | 10 00 | 1,255 33 | 1,828 07 | 3,475 52 | 5,303 59 |
| Witoka | | | | | | | | | | 400 00 | 400 00 |
| Zumbrota | 78 10 | 100 00 | 30 00 | 28 57 | | | | 29 85 | 266 52 | 3,700 00 | 3,966 52 |
| | $457 33 | $679 79 | $228 30 | $155 78 | $19 25 | $12 15 | $21 08 | $1,485 13 | $3,052 81 | $18,100 36 | $21,152 17 |

Executive Committee—Rev. J. H. Morley, Winona; Revs. W. W. Snell, J. W. Bradshaw. Registrar—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Lake City.

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | CHURCHES. | | | | | MINISTERS. | | | | | | CHURCH MEMB'S Aug. 31, 1880. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | Families. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates and others. | Vacant. | Total. | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Without Charge. | Others. | Total. | Licentiates and others. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools | Total. | |
| Anoka | 9 | 18 | .... | 10 | 37 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 33 | .... | 863 | 1559 | 2 22 | 261 | 122 | 158 | 280 | 21 | 67 | 17 | 105 | 65 | 41 | 2970 | 1010 | 3980 | 709 |
| Northern Pacific | 2 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 180 | 257 | 437 | 64 | 27 | 63 | 91 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 670 | 120 | 790 | 179 |
| Owatonna | 5 | 25 | 2 | 10 | 42 | 4 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 29 | 2 | 800 | 1214 | 2014 | 275 | 149 | 82 | 231 | 12 | 85 | 20 | 117 | 77 | 22 | 2834 | 557 | 3391 | 571 |
| Western | 2 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 216 | 316 | 532 | 65 | 20 | 53 | 73 | 6 | 17 | .... | 23 | 8 | 15 | 1030 | 380 | 1410 | 319 |
| Winona | 4 | 11 | .... | 6 | 21 | 4 | 9 | 3 | .... | 16 | .... | 587 | 948 | 1535 | 267 | 156 | 79 | 235 | 14 | 84 | 2 | 100 | 100 | 24 | 2265 | 124 | 2389 | 332 |
| Total | 22 | 76 | 9 | 33 | 140 | 20 | 45 | 29 | 9 | 103 | 8 | 2646 | 4294 | 6940 | 932 | 474 | 435 | 910 | 58 | 269 | 40 | 368 | 256 | 116 | 9769 | 2129 | 11960 | 2110 |
| Gain | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | 135 | 188 | 323 | 143 | 56 | 14 | 71 | 1 | | 9 | 6 | 63 | | | * | * | * |
| Loss | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 10 | 1448 | | | |

NEW CHURCHES—Easton, Edgerton, Lake Benton, Lake Stay, Stewartville, Witoka. DROPPED—Yucatan. NOT REPORTING—Last year's report inserted—Cottage Grove, Gilmanton, Union Grove, Fergus Falls, Wadena, Albert Lea, Alden, Cannon City, Chain Lake Centre, Providence, Amiret. MINISTERS REMOVED—Cross, Cutler, Denley, Dowd, Drake, Eells, Fuller, Hanna, Jones, Loring, Pelton Slater, Stimson, Willard, R. B. Wright. DIED—E. Lyman.

*New item.

## SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CONFERENCES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. & Education Soc | S. S. Dep't A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | $1,154 87 | $1,989 87 | $639 59 | $448 34 | $138 55 | $ 93 13 | $41 74 | $4,987 38 | $9,378 47 | $30,921 66 | $40,313 12 |
| Northern Pacific | 30 89 | 182 24 | 7 34 | 9 29 | 2 80 | 27 94 | ..... | 13 80 | 273 30 | 5,854 51 | 6,127 81 |
| Owatonna | 676 39 | 982 95 | 422 30 | 173 37 | 25 95 | 105 26 | 17 51 | 517 05 | 2,920 78 | 17,364 05 | 20,284 83 |
| Western | 29 62 | 150 13 | 5 15 | 25 96 | ..... | 1 50 | ..... | 130 46 | 342 84 | 9,161 40 | 9,504 24 |
| Winona | 457 33 | 679 79 | 228 30 | 155 78 | 19 25 | 12 15 | 21 08 | 1,485 13 | 3,058 81 | 18,100 36 | 21,159 17 |
| | $2,349 10 | $3,984 98 | $1,302 68 | $812 16 | $184 55 | $244 98 | $80 33 | $7,133 82 | $15,973 20 | $90,401 98 | $106,382 17 |
| Gain | 6 03 | ..... | $170 93 | $116 50 | 47 94 | * | $36 09 | $4,853 69 | $5,233 90 | $11,263,61 | ..... |
| Loss | ..... | $179 36 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*New item.

NOTE—This does not include any report from the non-reporting churches, but twenty-five made no financial report last year.

The Statistical Secretary desires to be notified of all mistakes in the permanent items in the tables, and particularly requests ministers and church officers to keep a record of all items in these tables in such shape that they can be promptly reported. They conform to and are required by the National Statistics.

GEORGE A. HOOD, Minneapolis.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1880.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Ye. Mo. Da | PRESENT RELATION. | P. O. ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong Robert S. | 1856, 4, 13. | P | Alma City | Owatonna |
| Barnes, J. R. | 1838, | W. C. | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Barteau, Sidney H. | 1850, 2, 19. | A. P. | Crookston | N. Pacific. |
| Beard, Reuben A. | 1879, 9, 10 | P. | Brainerd | N. Pacific. |
| Bird, Charles Willard | 1880, 5, 26 | A. P. | Waterville | NewHavenCtWest |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851, 11, 4. | W. C. | Rochester | Chicago. |
| Bradshaw, J. W. | 1874, 10, 29. | P. | Rochester | Winona. |
| Burt, David | 1851, 2, 19. | Sup't Schools. | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Champlin, O. P. | 1870, 7, 10. | A. P. | Tracy | Western. |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846, 4, 22. | A. P. | Glencoe | Anoka. |
| Chaney, Lucian West | 1852, 12, 29. | P. | Mankato | Owatonna. |
| Chapin, N. C | 1851, 11, 2. | A. P. | St. Cloud | Owatonna. |
| Cheeseman, Chas. P. | Licentiate. | A. P. | St. Olaf | |
| Cobb, Levi Henry | 1857, 10, 28. | Sup't A.H.M.S. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Conant, Chas. A. | 1864, 7, 3. | A. P. | Cannon Falls. | Winona. |
| Cory, Isaac L. | 1879, 9, 16. | P. | Sauk Centre | Anoka. |
| Crane, Edward P. | 1864, 10, 6. | A. P. | High Forest | Winona. |
| Cross, Roland S | 1876, 10, 18. | | | Anoka. |
| Dana, M. M. G., D. D. | 1863, 4, 19. | P. | St. Paul | Anoka. |
| Davis, C. H | 1877, 12, 1. | A. P. | Marine Mills. | Hennepin Q.Mee'g |
| Dowd, Quincy L. | 1875, 12, 12. | A. P. | Alexandria | Anoka, |
| Drake, A. J. | 1845, 8, 6. | A. P. | Dodge Center | Rock River (Ill.) |
| Elmer, Hiram | 1844, 7, 9. | A. P. | Winona | Marshall (Mich.) |
| Emerson, Jas. O. | Lic. | A. P. | Breckenridge. | NewHaven,Ct,east |
| Fairbank, John B. | 1860, 10, 24. | A. P. | Spring Valley | Owatonna. |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, 2, 27. | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Fisk, Perrin B. | 1863, 10, 1. | P. | Lake City | Winona. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876, 6, 13. | P. | Freeborn | Owatonna. |
| Fonda, Jesse L. | 1873, 9, 16. | A. P. | Morris | Western. |
| Fox, A. K. | 1858, 10, 25. | A. P. | Monticello | Anoka. |
| Gill, William | 1863, 5, 15. | A. P. | Mantorville | Owatonna. |
| Goodsell, Dennis | 1877, 10, 2. | A. P. | Montevideo | Marshall. |
| Graves, Alpheus | Lic. | A. P. | Medford | Garraville, Iowa. |
| Hadden, Arch | 1841, 11, 11. | A. P. | Ortonville | N. Haven(Ct)Cent. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, 8, 8. | W. C. | St. Paul | Anoka. |
| Hastings, Hornell | Lic. | A. P. | Worthington | |
| Higgins, J. E | 1875, 10, 19. | A. P. | Princeton | Anoka. |
| Henderson, David | 1874, 12, 10. | A. P. | Fergus Falls | Eastern Mich. |
| Holden, Geo | 1880, 9, 14. | P. | Lamberton | |
| Hood, Geo. | 1847, 6, | A. P. | Afton | St. Croix Valley. |
| Hood, George Alfred | 1869, 9, 30. | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878, 12, 12. | A. P. | Cokato | Anoka. |
| Huntington, Geo. Prof. | 1864, 5, 18. | Carleton Col. | Northfield | Chicago. |
| Jenkins, W. M. | 1865, 9, 17 | A. P. | Elk River | Anoka. |
| Johnson, Geo | 1872, 11, 13. | A. P. | Bangor | N. Pacific. |
| Kellogg, S. H. | 1857, 11, 10. | W. C. | Preston Lake. | Elgin, Ill. |
| Kidder, Josiah | Lic. | A. P. | Wadena | |
| Kinne, T. C | 1875, 6, 28. | P. | Royalton | Anoka. |
| Kribs, Ludwic | 1843, 1, 5. | W. C. | Hawley | N. Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1843, 2, 24. | W. C. | Glenwood | Anoka. |
| Leonard, Delavan L. | 1863, 6, 8. | P. | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Loba, Victor E. | 1879, 6, 13. | Teacher | RedwoodFalls | Western. |
| Loring, L. | 1862, 7, 9. | | | |
| Lyman, Wm. A. | 1876. | A. P. | Sleepy Eye | Madison, Wis. |
| Merrill, Chas. W. | 1873, 10, 29. | A. P. | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Merrill, E. W. | 1864, 4, 5. | A. P. | Spring Valley | Owatonna. |
| Morehouse, D. A. | 1865, 6, 18. | A. P. | Owatonna. | Owatonna. |
| Morley, John H. | 1867, 1, 2. | P. | Winona | Winona. |
| Morse, Alfred | 1847, 6, 7. | W. C. | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Moses, L. H. | 1876, 11, 24. | A. P. | Rose Creek | Marshall. |
| Northcott, T. C. | 1875. | A. P | Faribault. | Owatonna. |
| Nutting, Geo. B. | 1851, 8, 21. | A. P. | Hancock | Western. |
| Painter, Hobart K. | 1880, 1, 8. | P. | Mazeppa | Winona. |
| Pearson, Arthur H. Prof. | 1880. 7, 7. | Carleton Col. | Northfield | |
| Peregrine, Philip | 1860, 3, 10. | A. P. | Tracy | Western. |
| Perkins, Sidney K. | 1880, 7, 20. | A. P. | Sherburne | Owatonna. |
| Pierce, Nath'l H. | 1860, 3, 15. | A. P. | Osakis | Anoka. |

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| Pike, Alpheus J | 1869, 3, 9. | W. C | Sauk Centre | Anoka. |
| Ray, John W | 1857, 1. | A. P | Lake City | Winona. |
| Renshaw, James Budden | 1879, 9, 30. | P. | Hutchinson | Anoka. |
| Roe, A. D | 1867, 2, 5. | W, C | Afton | St. Croix Valley. |
| Rogers, Charles Henry | 1877, 7, 11. | A. P | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Rogers, Samuel James | 1862, 8, 6. | A. P | Marshall | Western. |
| Rosenkrans, D. W | 1875, 6, 25. | P. | Little Falls | Anoka. |
| Rounce, Joseph Samuel | 1852, 2, | A. P | Brownsdale | |
| Ruddock, Chas. A | 1861, 5, 29. | P. P | Benson | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Sargent, Geo. W | 1859, 12, 21. | A. P | Granite Falls | Western. |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842, 3, 24. | W. C | Waseca | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, Charles B | 1851, 10, 17. | A. P | Excelsior | Anoka. |
| Sherwin, Abner T | 1878, 12, 19. | A. P | Mapleton | Mineral Pt. |
| Stuart, Benj. Franklin | Llc. | A. P | Glyndon | Cleveland Pres'y. |
| Simmons, Henry C | 1871, 5, 8. | A. P | Walnut Stat'n | Western. |
| Simpson, Adam | 1876, 8, 1. | P. | Fairmont | Owatonna. |
| Skiles, James H | Llc. | A. P | Grand Mead'w | |
| Smith, M. H | 1857. | A. P | Dassel | Kansas City. |
| Smith, Oscar M | 1863, 2, 25. | A. P | Hawley | N. Pacific. |
| Smith, Pliny S | 1864, 4, 16. | A. P | Clearwater | Anoka. |
| Snell, Wm. Ward | 1859, 10, 10. | A. P | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr, O. A | 1871, 4, 6. | W. C | Montevideo | Western. |
| Stevens, Moody A | 1861, 9, 12. | W. C | Minneapolis | Norfolk, Mass. |
| Strong, J. C | 1846, 11, 16. | W. C | Chain Lake C. | Owatonna. |
| Strong, Jas. W., D.D, Pres't | 1862, 9, 28. | Carleton Col | Northfield | Owatonna, |
| Sutherland, Wm. L | Llc. | Missionary | Foster | |
| Stearns, J. G. D | 1843, 5, 10. | W. C | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Tebbets, Arthur H | | A. P | Dodge Centre | Andover, Mass. |
| Terry, Cassius M | 1871, 11, 2. | W. C | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Tracy, Melville M | 1877, 7, 25. | P. | Duluth | N. Pacific. |
| Tuttle, Harmon B | 1874, 1, 20. | A. P | St. Charles | Winona. |
| Walcott, Frank N | 1877, 12, 6. | W. C | Osakis | Anoka. |
| Weld, William M | 1852, 5, 14. | W. C | Currie | Winona. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859, 5, 18. | W. C | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Williams, Edward Moore | 1869, 2, 25. | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Williams, Edwin Sidney | 1864, 6, 10. | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Wilson, William | 1870, 3, 10. | A. P | Lake Benton | Western. |
| Wright, C. E | 1871, 2, 3. | P. | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Wright, Reuben B | 1877, 12, 26. | A. P | Dexter | Owatonna. |
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| " " " " Winter and Spring Terms, each | 5 50 |
| Room rent, per term | 3 00 |
| Incidentals, per term | 1 00 |

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|---|---|
| Tuition—Piano or Cabinet Organ, per lesson of one half hour | 50 |
| " Cultivation of the Voice, per lesson of one-half hour | 50 |
| Use of Piano or Organ, per term, one hour each day | 2 00 |

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# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Association shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor, or Stated Supply, and one delegate, and also of missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of this Association, and ordained ministers, members of any church in this Association, other than the Pastor or Stated Supply, and all officers of the Association.

ART. 3. Other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members during the session then in progress; and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Association, except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of Association shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Association, and also to collect information, and, at each meeting, exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of this Association.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Association, who shall hold office for three years.

ART. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

ART. 8. A Treasurer and Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Association shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Association, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Association shall meet on the second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Association shall be opened by a sermon from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Association, shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Association may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Association, shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Association shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Association may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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# BY-LAWS.

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1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Association, the Recording Secretary, or Pastor of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name, and church he represents, indicating whether

he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Association, who shall nominate Committee on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Association shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Association, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of the Association.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Association, shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Association shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13, of the Constitution, shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing; and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Association.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Association, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

12. The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of Councils, whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed, or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

# MINUTES.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota met with the Church at Rochester, on Wedesday, October 12, 1881. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. Wright of Austin; text Matt. 11, 4.

Association was called to order by Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, pastor of the Rochester church; Rev. H. H. Hart, of Worthington, was elected temporary scribe, and Revs. L. W. Chaney, H. C. Simmons and J. Chandler were appointed to nominate permanent officers, after which the Association adjourned to 9 A. M., Thursday.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Recording Secretary, and the roll was made up, which, when completed was as follows:

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Austin, | C. E. Wright, | L. S. Willard. |
| Berlin, | Wilbur Fisk. | |
| Breckenridge, | J. O. Emerson. | |
| Brownton, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Claremont, | A. H. Tebbetts, | N. B. Gallup. |
| Dexter, | J. H. Skiles. | |
| Dodge Center, | A. H. Tebbets, | Mrs. J. A. Garver. |
| Duluth, | C. C. Salter. | |
| Eden, | V. E. Loba, | F. Hartwick. |
| Fairmont, | A. A. Murch. | |
| Faribault, | Edmund Gale, | Prof. J. L. Noyes. |

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
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| Freeborn, | Wilbur Fisk. | |
| Freedom, | R. S. Armstrong. | |
| Glencoe, | Joseph Chandler. | |
| Grand Meadow, | J. H. Skiles. | |
| Hamilton, | Dennis Goodsell, | Wm. E. Brown, |
| Hartland, | Wilbur Fisk, | Miss Clara Fisk. |
| High Forest, | E. P. Crane, | Dea. W. T. Sutton. |
| Hutchinson, | J. B. Renshaw. | |
| Lake City, | P. B. Fisk, | Mrs. H. L. Fisk. |
| Lake Stay, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Mankato, | J. A. Freeman. | |
| Mantorville, | Wm. Gill, | J. P. Brewer. |
| Mapleton East, | R. S. Armstrong. | |
| Marshall, | Samuel J Rogers, | Arnold R. Chase. |
| Mazeppa, | H. K. Painter, | Mrs. E. B. Raymond. |
| Medford, | Daniel Staver. | |
| Minneapolis, First, | | A. M. Alden. |
| Minneapolis, Plymouth, | | C. A. J. Marsh, |
| Minneapolis, Second, | E. S. Williams. | |
| Minneapolis, Pilgrim, | Geo. A. Hood. | |
| Morristown, | C. W. Bird, | |
| Northfield, | | Andrew Lee. |
| Ortonville, | Archibald Hadden. | |
| Osakis, | H. J. Zercher. | |
| Owatonna, | J. N. Brown, | L. L. Wheelock. |
| Plainview, | L. E. Freeman, | Mrs. J. Baldwin. |
| Rochester, | J. W. Bradshaw, | C. S. Younglove. |
| Rushford, | W. W. Snell. | |
| Sauk Rapids, | N. C. Chapin. | |
| St Charles, | H. B. Tuttle, | Mrs. A. J. Olds. |
| Stewartville, | E. P. Crane. | |
| St. Cloud, | N. C. Chapin. | |
| St. Paul, | | Rev. E. Newton. |
| Sauk Center, | Isaac L. Cory, | J. A. Norris. |
| Sleepy Eye, | W. A. Lyman. | |
| Spring Valley, | J. B. Fairbank. | |
| Stewartville, | E. P. Crane, | J. S. E. Stevens. |
| Tyler, | A. J. Drake. | |
| Wabasha, | | Mrs. W. L. Lincoln. |
| Walnut Grove, | H. C. Simmons. | |
| Waseca, | L. W. Chaney, | Mrs. S. E. Chaney. |
| Waterville, | | Alex Kenrick. |
| Wayzata, | F. N. Walcott, | Mrs. F. N. Walcott. |
| Winona, | | Rev. Hiram Elmer. |
| Worthington, | H. H. Hart. | |

President J. W. Strong, D.D., Carleton College.
Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Supt. A. H. M. S., Minneapolis.
Rev. A. H. Pearson, Professor Carleton College.
Rev. Chas. Shedd, Zumbrota.
Rev. Henry Willard, Plainview.
Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, Zumbrota.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Treasurer A. H. M. S.
Rev. M. P. Parmlee, Erzroom, Turkey.
Rev. John Hinton, District Secretary Bible Society.
Rev. A. C. Lansing, Boston.
Rev. J. Bradshaw, Rochester.
Rev. H. A. Newell (Pres.), Rochester.
Rev. R. W. Arnold (Bapt.), Rochester.
Rev. E. M. Betts, Financial Agent Chicago Theo. Sem.
Prof. Ira M. Buel, Talladega, Alabama.
Prof. M. L. Williston, Carleton College.
Rev. A. E. Dunning, S. S. Secretary, Boston.

The committee reported the following, who were elected

PERMANENT OFFICERS.

*Moderator*—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Minneapolis.
*Assistant Moderator*—Hon. L. L. Wheelock, Owatonna.
*Scribe*—Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Spring Valley.
*Assistant Scribe*—Rev. H. H. Hart, Worthington.
*Corresponding Secretary for three years*—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca.
*Treasurer*—C. A. J. Marsh, Minneapolis.
*Auditor*—L. S. Willard, Austin.

Prayer was offered by Father Shedd.

President J. W. Strong, Revs. H. C. Simmons and Jos. Chandler were elected a Nominating Committee. Rev. N. C. Chapin was added to the Business Committee to fill the vacancy caused by absence of Prof. Huntington.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank presented the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. After twenty minutes discussion, the report was accepted, and its recommendations adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Rev. L. W. Chaney, Corresponding Secretary, reported on the State of Religion in the self-supporting Churches. Report accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. [Appendix A.]

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented, adopted and the following committees elected:

*On Resolutions*—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Hon. L. L. Wheelock, Rev. S. J. Rogers.

*On Finance and Printing*—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, I. C. Seeley, Rev. F. N. Walcott.

*On Systematic Beneficence*—Revs. J. B. Fairbank, P. B. Fisk, Mr. D. C. Bell.

*On Admission of New Churches*—Supt. M. W. Montgomery. Revs. H. K. Painter, W. A. Lyman.

*On Place and Preacher*—Rev. C. E. Wright, Prof. J. L. Noyes, Rev. I. L. Cory.

*On Revivals*—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Mr. Henry Plant, Rev. E. S. Williams.

*To Visit Carleton College*—Revs. H. H. Hart, J. N. Brown, J. A. Freeman, H. K. Painter, Hon. L. L. Wheelock.

*Business Committee*—Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Prof. J. L. Noyes, Rev. G. E. Freeman.

*Committee of Arrangements*—Revs. J. N. Brown, L. W. Chaney, Mr. J. E. Truesdell.

*Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society*—For three years, Revs. J. W. Ray, C. C. Salter; for two years, Rev. E. S. Williams, vice D. L. Leonard, resigned; for one year, Rev. M. W. Montgomery, vice L. H Cobb, resigned.

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## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. H. A. Painter presented a paper on "The Debt of American Infidelity to American Christianity." Referred, after discussion, to the Printing Committee,

Rev. Geo. A. Hood read a paper prepared by his father, Rev. Geo. Hood, "Why is our Denomination so Small?" which, after discussion, was referred to the Printing Committee.

C. A. J. Marsh, Treasurer, presented his report, which was accepted. [See p. 16.]

The Constitution and By-Laws were amended by substituting the word "association" for "conference" wherever the latter occurs.

Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution were amended by adding the first part of Article 3, down to the word, "supply," and the further words, "and all officers of the association," to Article 2d, and making Article 3d begin with the words, "other ordained ministers," &c.

A paper by Bro. D. C. Bell, on "Installation," was read by Rev. E. S. Williams. Upon discussion, it was referred to a committee, Revs. J. W. Bradshaw, C. C. Salter, and Bro. Alex. Kendrick, to report by resolution. When presented, their report was re-committed till next annual Association.

Prof. J. L. Noyes spoke of the work of the State institutions at Faribault for the blind, imbecile, and deaf and dumb.

A devotional service followed, led by Rev. A. Hadden of Ortonville.

Recess until 7:30 p. m.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

The session was devoted to benevolent societies. Addresses were given by Rev. E. M. Betts, Financial Agent of Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Moses P. Parmelee, of Erzroom, Turkey; Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Treasurer of the A. H. M. S.; Prof. Ira M. Buel of Talladega College, Alabama, of the A. M. A.; and by Rev. E. S. Williams, in behalf of the American Congregational Union.

Adjourned to Friday, 2 p. m.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing, the sermon of Rev. C. E. Wright was referred to the Printing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to make suitable acknowledgement of the invitation to visit the Second Insane Hospital.

The churches of Albert Lea and East Mapleton being reported disbanded, the matter of dropping them from the roll was referred to the Statistical Secretary, with power to act.

The Committee on Reception of New Churches recommended the reception of the church at Wayzata. The report was adopted, and the committee being continued with authority to act, the church at Stewartville, and Eden church, at Lone Tree Lake, were afterward received.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Governor of this State has called a special session of the Legislature to adjudicate the long repudiated railroad bonds, and finally and honorably settle this claim against the State,

*Therefore be it resolved* by the Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota, in its twenty-sixth annual session, held at Rochester, October 12th to 16th; 1881:

That the straight-forward, earnest course of Gov. Pillsbury in convening the Legislature to adopt measures for the immediate payment of these bonds on terms satisfactory to the holders thereof, and honorable to the State, commands our heartiest approval.

*Resolved, further*, That in the judgment of this body every principle of public honesty and expediency requires the prompt adjustment of these obligations of the State, and the wiping out of this stain upon its honor and good name.

And we herewith record our hope that this Legislature will avail itself of this opportunity to liquidate these hitherto dishonored claims, remove from the arena of politics this old question, and redeem our beloved Commonwealth from the charge of repudiating its financial obligations.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to forward certified copies of these resolutions to the President of the Senate of Minnesota, the Speaker of the House, the Governor, the Pioneer Press and the Minneapolis Tribune.

Rev. H. A. Newell, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Rochester, presented the greetings of the Synod of Minnesota. The moderator responded for the Association.

Rev. D. L. Leonard, treasurer of the Widow's and Orphan's Aid Society made his report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the committee on place and preacher was adopted, making Owatonna the place of next meeting, Rev. J. H. Morley preacher, and Rev. Edmund Gale alternate.

ART. 9. The object of the General Association shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conference, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Association, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Association shall meet on the second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the Association shall be opened by a sermon from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals, and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Association, shall be introduced through the Business Committee, or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Association may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Association, shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Association shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations, subject to alterations at future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Association may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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# BY-LAWS.

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1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Association, the Recording Secretary, or Pastor of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which a Moderator and Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name, and church he represents, indicating whether

First—That we gladly hail the appointment of the Rev. A. E. Dunning, as General Secretary, and pledge him our hearty support in organizing this denomination for more efficient Sunday School work.

Secondly—We recommend a more substantial co-operation with the Publishing Society of the denomination, and suggest that the churches purchase their Sunday School literature at their own headquarters.

Thirdly—That we earnestly request all our churches to give greater prominence to the Sunday School, in its plans for Christian work; that larger and more regular contributions be made to the Sunday School fund; that the Sunday School have a more prominent place among the departments of Christian evangelization.

President Strong presented the report from Carleton College, which was referred to the Printing Committee. [Appendix C.]

Rev. C. E. Wright was elected Moderator *pro tem.*

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we behold with joy and thanksgiving the continued and remarkable growth of our foster child, Carleton College. We also recognize the pressing need of great increase in funds for endowment and construction of new buildings, especially of a ladies' hall, and we heartily commend this institution to the beneficence of our churches.

A paper prepared by Gen. A. B. Nettleton, of Minneapolis, was read by President Strong, on the Relation of the Secular Newspaper Press to Christian Work. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Resolutions. It was—

*Resolved*, That the Congregational Association of Minnesota, having this day listened with pleasure and profit to the paper of Gen. Nettleton, editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, on the Relation of the Secular Newspaper Press to Christian Work, desires to express its appreciation of the clearness, the convincing force and the eloquence of his presentation; and it herewith tenders to him sincere thanks for the same.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

WHEREAS, We have listened to the statement that the publication of the Minnesota Congregationalist will soon be suspended, therefore

*Resolved*, That we hereby express to the editor of this paper and his associates, our thanks for their valuable services, together with our earnest hope that some arrangement may yet be made, whereby the excellent work thus commenced may be permanently continued.

After discussion, the resolution was adopted, and a committee of seven was appointed to take steps for a future publication in the interests of Minnesota Congregationalism, and to take suitable action on the existing deficit, consisting of Revs. M. McG. Dana, D. D., M. W. Montgomery, J. N. Brown, E. S. Williams, George Huntington, Bros. D. C. Bell, C. W. Hackett.

Recess till 2 p. m.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened at 2 p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Snell.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted. [Appendix D.]

An obituary of Rev. C. M. Terry was referred to the Printing Committee. [Appendix E.]

The Moderator was instructed to extend the thanks of the Association to the citizens of Rochester.

Recess till 7:30 p. m.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

Association convened at 7:30. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Freeman.

The evening was devoted to Sunday School work.

Address by Rev. A. E. Dunning of Boston, National Sunday School Secretary.

A committee of three was appointed, consisting of Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, and Rev. E. S. Williams, to consult with Secretary Dunning, and take steps for the more efficient organization of our Sunday School work in the State, and report at the next annual meeting.

The Association took a recess till Sunday evening.

Sunday evening was devoted to a fellowship meeting, under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Salter, of Duluth.

The Association adjourned *sine die.*

HASTINGS H. HART,
Assistant Scribe.

GEO. A. HOOD,
Moderator.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Congregational Association of Minnesota, in account with Charles A. J. Marsh, Treasurer:

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| Cr. | | | |
| By amount in hand to Oct. 13, 1880 | | | $ 16 86 |
| collected for advertisements in Minutes | $121 65 | | |
| collected from the churches | 212 55 | 334 20 | |
| Total | | | $351 06 |
| Dr. | | | |
| To amount paid Conference expenses, 1880 | $ 26 06 | | |
| printing minutes | 150 00 | | |
| printing postal cards and cards | 4 75 | | |
| postage, express, etc | 5 07 | | |
| programmes for this Conference | 9 00 | | |
| Treasurer's charge of 10 per cent. for collecting $334 20 | 33 42 | | |
| balance amount on hand | 122 76 | $351 06 | |

ROCHESTER, Minn., Oct. 13, 1881.

Above account examined and found correct.

L. S. WILLARD,
Auditor.

# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called "The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society."

ART. 2. It shall be the sole object of this society to procure, take care of and disburse a fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel *or indigent ministers and their families*, who, in either case, have complied with the terms of Arts. 10 and 11.

ART. 3. The members of the General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, for any year, shall for that year, constitute the members of this society.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of six Trustees, at least three of whom shall be clergymen, to be chosen, two each year, to serve for three years, at the annual meeting of the General Association of our churches, from its members, in the manner preferred at the time of election.

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after their election, by choosing from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called at any time and place, to transact any business which cannot be transacted by correspondence with each other; and they shall hold an annual meeting to examine accounts, records, reports, etc., at some time during the session of the Annual Association of our churches and previously to the report of their officers to the same.

ART 7. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties, in a sum equal, in the judgment of the Trustees, to the amount of funds to be entrusted to his care during his term of office.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Trustees, and to correspond if thought necessary, with the parties applying for aid; of the Secretary, to keep the records of the society, to preserve on file

all its papers, to submit the same when desired to the Trustees for examination, and to read before each Annual Association of our churches, the records of the past year.

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, shall invest the funds of the society, and if loans are made to individuals, take ample security in unencumbered farming lands. He shall also make disbursements to beneficiaries, at the written order of the Trustees signed by the President and Secretary, and present a written report annually to the General Association, in which a full account shall be given of all receipts, investments and disbursements for the time covered by such report.

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant aid only to persons described in Article 2. and recommended to them by at least two ministers of the gospel or other reliable persons; and the appropriation shall not exceed the income for the year. The amount liable to be appropriated in any year shall be placed on deposit, and at the end of six months the proper appropriation shall be made to all applicants received during that time; and then the sum which remains unappropriated shall be permanently invested; and so of the amount remaining after the appropriation of the next six months.

ART. 11. Any Evangelical minister of the gospel, with his family, shall be eligible to aid from the Society after commencing to pay into its treasury annually, not less than one dollar, and pledging himself to increase its funds by securing, if possible, legacies and donations in real estate or money. The treasurer shall keep a record of the names of all persons complying with this rule, and an opportunity for making this contribution shall be given at every annual meeting of our Association. Those not present at the meeting shall forward their contributions to the Treasurer within three months, or forfeit their membership unless excused by him for the neglect.

ART. 12. The General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, in case of the dissolution of this society, shall own and dispose of its funds, and shall have power to make any alterations in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; *provided*, that such alterations shall have been proposed in writing and admitted for consideration by a majority vote.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society in account with D. L. Leonard, Treasurer:

| 1880. | Dr. |
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| Oct. 11, to cash on hand | $ 2 93 |
| 13 and 17, to collections at Conference | 74 69 |
| 1881. | |
| June 27, to Citizens' Bank paid interest | 8 65 |
| July 5, to P. Green paid note | 572 00 |
| " " " " interest on same | 68 64 |
| Total | $726 91 |
| 1880. | Cr. |
| Dec. 10, paid Mrs. L. W. B. (voucher 17) | $ 60 00 |
| 1881. | |
| July 5, by deposit Citizens' Bank | 640 64 |
| Oct. 10, by cash on hand | 26 27 |
| Total | $726 91 |

ASSETS.

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| Certificate of deposit Citizens' Bank | $834 93 |
| Note L. C. Storbraaten | 100 00 |
| Interest on same | 12 00 |
| Cash on hand | 26 27 |
| Total | $973 20 |

# MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Association, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the society.

ART. 3. The object of this society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society, in diffusing the gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching, and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall be chosen annually by the local conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the local conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches, and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmoni-

ous co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf, the State Superintendent of home missions, shall also make written report to the society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons to be chosen for three years, after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Association, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; together with the chairmen of the conference committees, shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the superintendents to the parent society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds to the Directors for an amount not exceeding $3,000, to be fixed by them; shall receive all money coming into the society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent society. He shall also make an annual report to the society, not only of the money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent society as coming directly to the treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and under the instruction of the parent society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionary churches, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies up to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *prorided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended, by the Board of Directors.

# MINUTES

## OF TENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order by the President, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., at Rochester, Oct. 14, 1881, at 10:30 A. M. After prayer by Rev. A. H. Pearson, of Carleton College, Rev. A. H. Tebbets was chosen Scribe. The Nominating and Business Committees of the Association were continued in the service of this body, Rev. C. E. Wright taking the place of Rev. Dr. Strong on the Nominating Committee. Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Superintendent, presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. (Appendix F.) Its burden was laid before God in prayer by Rev. Dr. Clapp. The report of the Board of Directors was made by the Secretary, Rev. George A. Hood, which was accepted and its recommendation requiring bonds of the Treasurer adopted.

A recess was taken till afternoon.

At 3:50 P. M. President Strong called the Society to order. The Nominating Committee made their report, which was adopted, and the following Officers and Committees were thereby elected:

*Recording Secretary*—Rev. George A. Hood.
*Treasurer*—Rev. M. W. Montgomery.
*Directors*—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., and Rev. P. B. Fisk.
*Committee on Parsonages*—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., and C. E. Dyer.

LOCAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

*Anoka Conference*—Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. I. L. Cory, J. W. Dyer.

*Mankato Conference*—Revs. L. W. Chaney, Wilbur Fisk, Abner T. Sherwin.

*Minnesota Valley Conference*—Revs. J. L. Fonda, Arch. Hadden, C. A. Ruddock.

*Northern Pacific Conference*—Revs. R. A. Beard, S. H. Barteau, C. C. Salter.

*Owatonna Conference*—Revs. C. E. Wright, Edmund Gale, J. B. Fairbank.
*Western Conference*—Revs. H. C. Simmons, W. A. Lyman, Wm. Wilson.
*Winona Conference*—Revs. J. H. Morley, J. W. Bradshaw.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditor.

The recommendation of the Board of Directors was adopted, amending article 6 of the Constitution, by striking out, "the society on nomination of".

The society was then addressed by the Rev. Dr. Clapp of New York, Rev. D. L. Leonard, Supt. of Utah and Idaho, and Rev. M. W. Montgomery, State Supt. After prayer by Rev. C. C. Salter, adjourned sine die.

A. H. TEBBETS, Scribe.
JAS. W. STRONG, Pres.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
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| Received from Oct. 13, 1880, to July 6, 1881, inclusive, by Rev. L. H. Cobb, Treasurer | | $2,705 60 |
| Received from July 7, 1881, to Oct. 1881, inclusive, by Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Treasurer | | 196 91 |
| Total receipts | | $2,902 51 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Cash paid by Rev. L. H. Cobb to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer American Home Missionary Society | | $2,705 60 |
| Cash paid by Rev. M. W. Montgomery to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer American Home Missionary Society | $189 08 | |
| Cash paid for check book | 1 00 | |
| Cash on hand | 6 83 | $196 91 |
| Total | | $2,902 51 |

Examined and found correct. CHAS. A. J. MARSH, Auditor.

# Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society

## CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This society shall be called the "MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

SEC. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

SEC. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the society by contributing annually to its treasury.

SEC. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The duties of these officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions.

SEC. 6. The officers named in Section 4, with three Directors, to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the society not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership, and promote the interests of the society.

SEC. 8. The annual meeting of the society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with, the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society, provided that Sections 2 and 3 be not materially changed, and the said 2nd and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

SEC. 10. The society may establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

## MINUTES.

The second annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church at Rochester, at 9 A. M. October 14, 1881.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., presided. After singing, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," reading the scriptures by Mrs. Brunson, and prayer by Rev. Edmund Gale, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the secretary was read, accepted and referred to the printing committee.

Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Hadden and Mrs. Chaney were appointed by the chair a committee to nominate officers for the coming year. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted, and referred to the auditor.

Rev. Dr. Clapp of New York then gave an address, followed by remarks from Rev. Dr. Strong and Rev. E. S. Williams.

The nominating committee presented their report, which being accepted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*—Mrs. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis.
*Vice-President*—Mrs. N. H. Pierce, Minneapolis.
*Secretary*—Miss Kate Smith, Ortonville.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Wheaton, East Minneapolis.
*Auditor*—Miss M. J. Evans, Northfield.
*Directors*—Mrs. J. L. Noyes, of Faribault, Owatonna Conference.
Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Lake Benton, Western Conference.
Mrs F. A. Poole, Rochester, Winona Conference.
Mrs. Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca, Mankato Conference.
Mrs. Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Minnesota Valley Conference.

The meeting then adjourned.

JESSIE A. HACKETT, Sec'y.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

**Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society in account with Mrs. C. W. Hackett, acting treasurer.**

| *Received from* | *Cr.* |
|---|---|
| Afton | $ 20.00 |
| Austin | 52.87 |
| Brownsdale | 4.14 |
| Cottage Grove | 9.21 |
| Crookston | 2.06 |
| Danville and East Mapleton | 1.80 |
| Faribault | 70.30 |
| Freedom | 4.75 |
| Freeborn | 15.24 |
| Litchfield | 2.00 |
| Lamberton | 1.00 |
| Lake City | 28.35 |
| Lansing | 46 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 1.50 |
| Minneapolis, Plymouth | 203.16 |
| Minneapolis, First | 12.00 |
| Minneapolis, Second | 22.70 |
| Minnesota Lake | 1.25 |
| Mazeppa | 5.00 |
| Montevideo | 25 |
| Marshall | 5.00 |
| Nicollet | 4.95 |
| Northfield | 43.07 |
| Owatonna | 34.46 |
| Plainview | 6.00 |
| Rushford | 9.00 |
| Rochester | 20.00 |
| St. Paul, Plymouth | 140.00 |
| Sherburne | 70 |
| St. Charles | 3.34 |
| Sauk Centre | 21.00 |
| Spring Valley | 18.26 |
| Wabasha | 12.35 |
| Zumbrota | 10.00 |
| Total | $ 786.67 |
| | *Dr.* |
| Cash paid to treasurer M. H. M. S | $ 786.67 |

# MINN. BRANCH OF WOMAN'S BOARD

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be known as the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior. Its object shall be to engage the earnest and systematic co-operation of Christian women in the formation and support of auxiliaries, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit in all our churches.

ART. 2. The annual meeting of this society shall be held at the same time and place as the General Association of Congregational churches of the State, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. All ladies who are members of any auxiliary society in the State, or life members of the W. B. M. I., are members of the State society. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to two delegates at the annual meeting; if numbering over fifty to three, and one for each additional fifty. Only delegates shall be entitled to vote.

ART. 4. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The first four named officers shall constitute an executive committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business the society may refer to them.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch; to preside at all its meetings, and, with the aid of the Secretary, to make suitable arrangements for the annual meeting. In the absence of the President these duties shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to aid the auxiliaries, by correspondence and personal effort; to aid the President in making arrangements for the annual meeting; to present an annual report, and inform any officer not present at the meeting of her appointment for the coming year.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received by her from the auxiliaries; to forward the same to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. I., and to make an annual report to the society; which shall be accompanied by the Auditor's certificate.

ART. 8. With the Vice President of each local conference shall be associated two other ladies, thus constituting a Conference Committee of three. The Vice President shall apportion the churches of the Conference among the members of the committee, giving to each a specific number with which to correspond or visit. It shall be the duty of each member of the committee to correspond with or visit some person in each of the churches assigned to her, urging the formation of a Woman's Missionary Society where there is none, and encouraging such as

are already formed. Each shall report her work to the Vice President, who shall in turn make her report to the Secretary, early in September. It shall also be the duty of these committees to arrange for a woman's meeting to be held in connection with their local conference.

ART. 9. The officers for the ensuing year shall be elected at each annual meeting.

ART. 10. Special meetings of the Branch may be held at the call of the executive committee.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change has been given to the auxiliaries three months previous.

# MINUTES.

The fourth annual meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the W. B. M. I. was held at Rochester, October 14th and 15th, 1881; the President, Miss M. J. Evans, in the chair.

After devotional exercises, an address of welcome by Miss Porter, was responded to by the President.

Miss Emily M. Brown, of Northfield, was made Secretary *pro tem.* Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Committees on Credentials and Nominations were appointed. Reports of the various auxiliaries were given by the delegates present, supplimented by the Secretary's report.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Strong, made her report of receipts; which was audited and accepted.

After a fifteen minutes prayer and praise meeting, led by Mrs. Gale, of Faribault, two papers were read, the first by Mrs. Staver, of Medford, late of Cæsarea, on the "Condition of Women in Turkey," the second by Mrs. Morse, of Austin, "Why should Foreign Missionary Societies be organized in Home Missionary Churches?"

Recess to 8:30 a. m.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

After the usual opening exercises, the report of the Nominating Committee was read, and the following officers elected for the year. [See Directory, p. 3.]

The revised Constitution was adopted article by article. [See p. 27.]

Mrs. Gale moved that each member of each auxiliary be asked to give ten cents extra to defray the working expenses of the Society,

Meeting adjourned.

EMILY M. BROWN, Sec. *pro tem.*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

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| Austin Aux. | $ 74 61 |
| " Scatter Good Soc | 25 00 |
| Clearwater Aux. | 11 35 |
| Duluth " | 25 00 |
| Faribault " | 76 00 |
| Forest Mills S. S. | 2 15 |
| Glencoe Aux. | 5 26 |
| Glyndon " | 23 00 |
| Glyndon S. S. | 3 00 |
| Mankato Aux. | 7 00 |
| Minneapolis 1st. Aux. | 100 00 |
| Minneapolis 1st. S. S. | 17 13 |
| Minneapolis 2d. Aux. | 20 00 |
| Minneapolis 2d. Young Ladies' Soc. | 20 00 |
| Minneapolis Plymouth Aux | 339 00 |
| Minneapolis Plymouth Young Ladies' Soc. | 16 18 |
| Northfield. Church Aux. | 83 52 |
| Northfield, Carleton College Aux. | 96 55 |
| Owatonna Aux. | 55 00 |
| Owatonna Merry Hearts. | 34 00 |
| Plainview Aux. | 7 12 |
| Rochester " | 10 35 |
| Rushford " | 8 00 |
| Sauk Center " | 49 56 |
| Sauk Centre S. S. | 3 53 |
| Spring Valley Aux. | 13 00 |
| St. Paul Plymouth Aux. | 107 00 |
| Waseca " | 22 00 |
| Zumbrota " | 2 00 |
| Private donation | 40 00 |
| Total | $1,557 63 |

# APPENDICES.

## (A.)

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

### THE YEAR'S HISTORY OF THE SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

*Dear Brethren of the General Association :*

I bring to you the annals of our self-sustaining churches for another year. And I regret that the story is so meagre. It seems to me that no church of Christ can go through twelve months of its history without events and experiences whose record shall be both interesting and instructive. If we take notice of those events and experiences as they occur, and treasure them in memory, or upon the *memorandum*, we shall find in them at the year's end many valuable lessons of God's Providence—much to awaken our gratitude, to stimulate our zeal, to stir our sympathies, to cast light upon the path of duty, and to make us better acquainted with God and His plans.

The Book of Acts does all this for us *now*, even though it be nearly two thousand years old; and surely the *current* history of the churches must possess a similar value were it gathered up.

But we let the necessary data slip from us, and, when the year ends we look back upon it only to find that it is almost wholly a blank. And hence our narrative is rendered comparatively lean and dry, with little to feed the faith or to quicken the zeal of God's people.

AUSTIN enjoys her usual degree of prosperity. A revival during the winter gives 31 additions, 28 on profession. All meetings are well attended. The young peoples' meeting, on the first Tuesday of each month, is devoted to a study of Dr. Schaff's catechism. The church, out of debt, is considering the question of repair and enlargement of their house soon. The benevolent contributions are as usual. The people for the most part have a mind to work. We need, in common with others, more of the power of the Holy Spirit in answer to more earnest prayer.

CANNON FALLS reports a sad affliction leading on to a precious blessing. For two months last fall diphtheria raged to such an extent as to occasion a suspension of church services. These were resumed in December, and when the time came for observing the week of prayer the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in marked power. Meetings were held for two months by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Conant, and the work went steadily and powerfully forward. Thirty have been added in the past nine months, mostly by profession. Prayer meetings have been better sustained than ever before, and the Sabbath congregations have been good. The church now numbers ninety-nine, and it has just observed its quarter centennial.

DOUGLAS has held services regularly, and done good work in the Sabbath School. Many young people are coming up into the church.

COTTAGE GROVE, from July 31st, 1880, to July 10th, 1881, was without preaching. A Sabbath School, with monthly concerts, was maintained, the attendance larger than the preceding year. In July, W. E. Archibald, a graduate of Oberlin, began work here and at Afton. The two churches soon united in a call, with a salary of $825.00 He however regards the field too extensive for efficient labor, and prefers to concentrate his efforts upon the Cottage Grove field for a salary of $700, which the church proposes to give him. The church has held its own under adverse conditions, and is now very hopeful. Rev. E. J. Hart, a former pastor of this church, has returned from California, improved in health, but very feeble.

ELK RIVER Union reports simply a uniform continuance of healthy church life. Services and Sunday School every Sabbath but one. Two have been added by letter; one dismissed; no demand for discipline. We meet in Court House Hall, but in a few weeks shall be in our new house of worship, nearly finished. We are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a religious awakening.

FARIBAULT.—Rev. T. C. Northcott left, April 1st, and was succeeded immediately by Rev. E. Gale, formerly a pastor in this city, for six or seven years. Prospects encouraging; a deeper feeling. Thirteen additions; two on profession. The S. S. has an increased attendance; the teachers are more faithful. We are hopeful.

GLENCOE has nothing encouraging. We have barely held our own. Bro. Chandler expects to leave November 1st.

GLYNDON.—Rev. B. F. Shuart worked the first half of the year, with whole-souled devotion, and several united with the church. He went to Minneapolis, and for six months regular services were maintained without a pastor. Rev. M. K. Pasco, of Hadley, Mass., is soon to be installed pastor.

HAMILTON, for six months without a pastor, receives Rev. D. Goodsell. For some years self-sustaining, successive failures of crops have turned it back to the H. M. Soc. Again that society stretches out the helping hand. Prayer meetings and S. S. are flourishing. They are praying for a refreshing. A monthly missionary concert has been held; 6 have united with the church, 2 on profession. It is out of debt, and though its gifts can not be large, it makes a benevolent offering each Lord's day.

LAKE CITY has completed, paid for and dedicated their new church, at a cost of $9,000. They have pleasant rooms, and greatly enjoy them. They have also passed their 25th anniversary, and the gathering up of the history of the past has been very suggestive and stimulating. There has been no revival, and a small net loss in membership. Sixteen infants were baptized. Emigration is telling severely upon the strength of the church, yet the average congregations have increased since the occupation of the new church. The temperance revival of last year has met with a serious collapse. All of the drinking men except one or two sots have gone back to their old habits, breaking all their pledges. The great need is a revival of genuine piety among us.

MANTORVILLE.—No fruitful religious interest. Public interests diverted attention after the week of prayer. Two members died, one a deacon much esteemed. We have lost some of our best workers and most able supporters, by dismission, so that there is a depressed feeling. This is the shady side. On the other hand, the church is united, congregations are good, we have the best Sabbath School in the country, and a good choir. The Disciples have closed their church, left the field wholly dependent upon us for Christian culture. There is, perhaps, not another town of five hundred people in the State, with only one church service. There is no denominational strife or jealousy, as where too many churches try to live. And there can be no doubt of the need of *one* church in such a community. The last six years this field has been more fruitful in conversions, three-fold, than during the whole seventeen years previously, while it was a town of greater promise, and several churches were striving to pre-empt the ground.

MARSHALL has had a year of storms without. The winter was such that no extra services could be held, and regular services were often interrupted. The year began with financial prospects, but clouded over quickly, and great depression came upon our community. Self-support comes hard, yet we have raised over $1,300, more than $200 of which has gone to reduce the debt. Benevolent contributions have increased. Our Sabbath-school and prayer meetings have blessed many. There have been a few cases of discipline, and the readiness of the church to do it is evidence of spiritual life. Great harmony and good feeling prevails, and Christians are interested in every good work. The great hindrances are poverty, especially in the country, and indifference concerning church privileges. Regular habits of worship do not seem to have been formed, and very little things keep even church members and their children away from the Sabbath service and school. We hope we are not like the Leodiceans, *lukewarm*, yet we are not *really living* with the glow and brightness the Church of Christ should have. This is given with a sad heart as we sit in sorrow with a nation of mourners over the death of our beloved President.

FIRST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS. Rev. Edward M. Williams, much to the grief of his whole church and congregation, felt that his continued ill health required him to lay aside his burden of pastoral care. His resignation and our tardy acceptance of it were approved by council Feb. 14th. We have received 31 members, 8 on profession; dismissed 4, and lost 3 by death. Among the latter our brother beloved by all the state, and mourned wherever he was known,

Rev. Cassius M. Terry, who passed away Aug. 18th. Our benevolent contributions were $1,110 27, of which the Home Missionary Society received $380 92. This does not include the contributions of the Sabbath-school. We hope for a pastor soon.

SECOND CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS. The church went boldly forward the last Sunday of 1880 and pledged enough money to pay mortgage, minister, sexton, and every known bill. God honored their faith. A healthy work of grace was enjoyed, and some forty souls came into the kingdom. Before July 1st these financial pledges were redeemed, and the long struggle was over. We send this motto of cheer to all our sister churches: "What ought to be done in the churches of Christ, by the blessing of God and the unselfish co-operation of good men *can be done.*" [So much the brother wrote while absent. He has since added:] Coming home from two months' absence the pastor and his wife found the church assembled, a most expresive and hearty welcome, and a very choice supper. It was heart warming. We long to be helpful to the dear flock of God, and pray for a winter of refreshing.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS has seriously felt the lack of pastoral work. Dr. W. T. Beatty, formerly of Pittsburg, seemed to have been providentially sent to us soon after Mr. Stimpson was called to Worcester. His preaching is of the gospel sort. Our people under his ministry have been steadily instructed and edified. So united was the church in him that it was generally understood, that, should his health be soon sufficiently restored to warrant his accepting a charge, Plymouth Church would extend to him a call to become its pastor. But he has not been able to preach for us for more than four months past, and we feel obliged to relinquish our hope of his being able to serve us permanently. The pastoral committee has again resumed its quest. No candidate has been or will be heard by the church without the unanimous recommendation of this committee of nine. We are entirely united and alive. The prayer meetings are well sustained. In May last, Rev. B F. Shuart of Cleveland, Ohio, was called to the Clark Chapel, connected with our church, and also to act as assistant pastor of Plymouth, But we need a pastor. Pray that the Lord may soon send us the right man of his own choosing.

PILGRIM CHURCH MINNEAPOLIS.—The first eight months forty-two were added by profession and two more since. A revival, in which the church was aided for one week by Rev. J. D. Potter, was one of the blessings. His strong biblical preaching, and common sense methods are success ul where the church will do the necessary work. The excessive heat of summer forbade church work; jaded as our members were with the long walks to ten hours work No debt nor arrearage; current expenses met by weekly pledges; our church now resting a little from five years continuous financial strain. Meanwhile the congregations and prayer meeting attendance are steadily increasing and we are leading in North Minneapolis Christian work. Our aim for next year is increase in beneficence. The dark side is, poverty. Not one of our families has a generous living; many are held down in the hand to mouth struggle with high rents and low wages of city life. Thirty-five of our members are children or dependents. The

shifting population of this part of the city, who are not foreigners, makes church growth slow. In the last sixty-six members added to our roll, we have gained only twenty-seven. Our women's work has been close to zero. Nearly all our women are mothers with young families, broken down by overwork without help. Our church work must therefore compete with the necessities of life, and, unless incessantly urged, will cease.

MONTICELLO.—Rev. A. A. Hurd began May 8th, and the church is making a new beginning with hopeful prospects.

OWATONNA.—Spiritual condition not high, as in some former years. Thirteen added on profession. A part of these were the fruit of a union meeting, conducted by Rev. J. D. Potter. Some division was caused by the resignation of Rev. D. A. Morehouse, but they are united in Rev. J. Newton Brown, late of Michigan. The Sabbath School has been well sustained, of which one good feature is the large attendance of adults.

PLAINVIEW.—No marked religious awakening; no additions by profession; three by letter. Two have died, three have been dismissed. We have lost some leading members, including the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and two or three valuable teachers; and none have come in to fill their places. The exodus westward, for the past few years, has been very large, depleting the church of some of its most valuable members. It is a process of weakening rather than of strengthening. Foreigners take the place of American families, and are far harder to operate upon. One sad drawback to the church is the large number of its members who have no spiritual sympathy with it. Not a few rarely or never attend our services. Many of these were gathered in hastily in times of revival, without time to judge of their fitness for church membership, and in a little while they were back just where they were before the revival. Our S. S. holds its own. We have no debt. The prayer meetings are interesting to the faithful few. The mass cannot be enticed to come. The Sabbath services are well attended in the morning, and very thinly in the evening, many from the country not being able to come. We labor in hope of better times, though not in sight.

ROCHESTER.—Nothing special to report this year. A steady growth. The church is more stable, efficient, better organized for work, with more energy and hope. We have carpeted the church and secured $400 toward building a lecture room. A new church manual will soon be issued.

ST. CHARLES.—The spiritual life of the church not vigorous. Seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness would be a vast improvement upon the present seeking after mammon. Some are praying for the power of the Holy Spirit among the members of the church. 9 were added during the year, 8 by profession; all but one from S. S. One has died, a mother in Israel, one of the original members. She longed to depart and be with Christ.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, ST. PAUL.—No unusual religious interest. The ordinary church work has been kept up, but the laborers have been disappointed that the spiritual results were so meagre. With the augmenting prosperity of the city, the love of some has waxed cold. It is a serious problem in our city to know how to keep business from unduly encroaching upon the time and atten-

tion of professing Christians. The S. S. has had, on the whole, a good year, though the absence of so many teachers in the summer was hard for those who remained, bravely trying to keep the school running. The teachers' meetings were well attended; the midweek service has been well supported; the charities not as large as usual, owing to local reasons. The work of revising the list of members has been begun. Absentees and unworthy ones will reduce our inflated numbers, and require discipline of not a few. Our great want is a deeper Christian life, a keener sense of the obligations and responsibilities of membership in the church.

SAUK CENTRE reports a marked progress. The church has grown in its spiritual life and in its efficiency. 19 have been added, 15 on profession. There is an increase in the attendance of the prayer-meeting, a growing interest among our young people, six between fourteen and seventeen have united with the church, and others will soon. A new library with the two-fold interest of securing and reading the new books has been a great benefit to the school. We enter upon our third year as pastor and people with brighter prospects than the church has ever before had.

SPRING VALLEY. In repeated crop failures, hard times and many removals the church has found occasion for giving earnest heed to the exhortation, "Strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die," and this has been its main work for the year. Special meetings during the week of prayer, and later in a union effort conducted by Evangelist Potter, gave no accession to the church. And so the membership is reduced and the absentees considerably increased. But our congregations have been fairly good, our prayer-meetings well attended, and our Sunday-school prosperous. We have carefully "gone through the motions" in benevolence in the church, Sunday-school and the Women's organizations, and have secured something for every column of the Association Register, with a total 25 per cent. in excess of last year. The Quarter Centennial of the church was commemorated May 24th. The publication of a manual of 32 pages shows an aggregate membership of 244, of whom 151 joined on profession. The Ladies' Society has put blinds on the church, but it has suffered the loss of its spire and other damage by lightning. Altogether the church is in some respects in better condition than one year ago—at least is more hopeful.

WABASHA.—The usual difficulties, but hardly our usual success. Our S. S. has about held its own. But in this community hard work has to be done to secure this result. We find difficulty in securing teachers, and in holding our large boys and young men. Some good temperance work is being done, especially among the young. A few ladies gather the children in interesting meetings and teach them the principles of temperance. Our saloons are numerous, and open seven days in the week. Our congregations are good, with a large per cent. of young people, who are not brought to Christ. What shall we do with members who are such only in name? One of our younger members went in a happy state to the better land. Our prayer meetings are pretty good. Very few have been asking what they must do to be saved. There was one conversion, and one man in death-bed anxiety, yet did not profess Christ.

WASECA has had a trying experience. Very early in the spring Rev. C. W. Merrill was called away from a united and strongly protesting people to his larger work in Nebraska. For two or three months the pulpit was supplied, partly by Rev. E. H. Alden. May 15th the present pastor entered upon the work, meeting with a warm, and so far as he can judge, with a perfectly unanimous welcome. Leaving, as he did, under the pressure of sickness in his family, a much loved people in Mankato, he could not have chosen more acceptably to himself and family, than Providence chose for him in guiding him at once to a field with which he had already become happily acquainted in revival labors. His work has been retarded by the sickness just mentioned and by the death that finally came. But this has given opportunity for an exhibition of the spirit of the gospel, in the delicate attentions of a sympathizing people, that is more effective than any preaching by word of mouth. While the beloved son lingered, the house was made to bloom for his pleasure like a garden of flowers, and no kind service that could be rendered was withheld. And we have seen also the wonderful power of religion, enabling a youth of promise, and of bright earthly prospects, to go down calmly, trustfully, even cheerfully, through the gradual stages of disease, and out through the gateway of death into the future life, never for one moment losing confidence in God, saying, even when hope after hope of recovery was taken away, "It is all right," "God's will be done," and joining with dying breath in these words:

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou lamb of Calvary,
  Saviour divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh! let me, from this day,
  Be wholly thine.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
  Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove,
Oh! bear me safe above,
  A ransomed soul.

12 have been added, 4 on profession; prayer meetings well attended, averaging about 20; the S. S. has been large; a teachers' meeting sustained. The ladies' missionary society numbers thirty or more. A goodly number of children are always found in the morning congregation. A parsonage was purchased at the close of last year; the money is all pledged and nearly all paid. There is no arrearage of the pastor's salary, and the benevolent contributions of the year have been larger than formerly.

WINONA.—The new church nearly completed, to be dedicated, free of debt, in about two months. It is a model of beauty and convenience. The building

and furnishing has absorbed our energy. We mourn the lack of interest in religion, except the consecration of money to the Lord's work is encouraging. We hope to be blessed spiritually as we enter our new temple. Our ordinary contributions to benevolent objects have increased, notwithstanding our burdens of church building.

ZUMBROTA.—Our greatest blessing is, the Lord has not removed our "candlestick out of His place." Our church has had a financial pressure in enlarging our building, which has depressed the spiritual interest. It is very hard for the people of this generation to throw off the worldly influence of money-getting for the church, and live spiritually superior to it all. We are more than holding our own, and have lost none of our faith, hope and courage. The gospel of a living Savior is still preached, and the people come to listen. Our prayer-meetings are well sustained, and give promise of higher life with new zeal for the church. Our Sunday-school is full of interest, and is larger than ever before. We have trials sufficient to humble us and to keep us close unto our everlasting strength, and triumphs enough to encourage and cheer. Our benevolent contributions are larger, notwithstanding our financial stress, than they were last year, or ever have been.

During the year two of our dear brethren in the ministry have gone to their reward on high. Rev. C. M. Terry, who used to stir us by his earnest eloquence, and Rev. David Burt, one of the originators of this Association, and for so many years constituting a large part of the religious and educational life of this State.

L. W. CHANEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The carefully prepared report of the Committee of 1879, presented the history of the benevolence of our Association churches in general and of the working of the Association plan in particulars for the half decade ending with 1878. The report of 1880 gave the results of an investigation made among the churches by means of a questioning circular, which asked for facts and suggestions relating to the matter in hand, and condensed all into some general recommendations.

It shall be the purpose of this report to continue the work of the committee of 1879 by bringing down the history to the present time, and, from the whole thus brought into review, as aided by the conclusions and recommendations of

the report of 1880, to offer some suggestions, specific and practical, as to the very important matter under consideration.

The record for the year 1879, 1880 and 1881 is presented in a condensed form in the following tables, prepared from the statistical reports published in the minutes.

| | Total Church expenses and Benevolence. | Total Benevolence. | Per Centage of Benevolence. | No. of resident Members. | Am't of benevolence per member. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1879 ... ..... | $ 89.592 | $ 10 543 | 11 8 | 5,828 | $ 1.80 |
| 1880..... | 106 392 | 15 937 | 15. | 6 008 | 2.65 |
| 1881 ..... ..... ..... | 113.321 | 12.258 | 10.8 | 6,111 | 2 00 |

| | Number reporting | Number reporting any income. | No. reporting any benevolence. | No. contributing only to the A. H. M. S. | No. having a system of some sort | No. contributing to the four larger societies. | No. contributing to the six causes. |
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| 1879..... | 135 | 105 | 92 | 59 | 32 | 21 | 4 |
| 1880. ..... | 140 | 118 | 106 | 74 | 46 | 31 | 7 |
| 1881..... | 144 | 116 | 106 | 32 | 33 | 25 | 7 |

From a careful review of these tables and the two reports referred to above it appears that the following are true statements of fact, viz:

1. On the whole some increase has been made in the yearly totals of benevolence, and in the number both of churches contributing and those doing this in some sense systematically.

2. There is, however, abundant room for improvement in all these respects and a pressing demand for continued and persistant effort on the part of this Association to bring the churches up to a higher standard as regards the matter of systematic benevolence.

3. The so called "Conference Plan" of giving to six specified objects at every Sabbath morning service and dividing the amount pro-rata according to their several needs has failed so to commend itself to the churches as to secure adoption either in its exact schedule of objects or its specific methods of collection.

4. The churches to be numbered among the systematic givers are for the most part agreed in placing upon their lists these four principal objects, the American Board, the A. H. M. S., the A. M. A., and the A. C. U., but beyond this are not at all agreed, there being a large liberty used in the exclusion and inclusion of objects, while, as to methods of collection, they exhibit no substantial agreement whatever.

And now, in view of these facts and considerations, your committee would make the following suggestions:

1. The churches should be urged to take the matter of systematic benevolence in hand *at their annual meetings* by adopting a schedule of objects for the year to comprehend *at least* the four larger societies, and agreeing upon the plan for making the proposed collections,

2. Every church should have some one, other than the pastor, regularly appointed for the service, whose duty it shall be to see to it that the plans thus adopted are carefully carried out.

3. Greater attention should be given to the development of Sabbath school benevolence and means should be taken for the proper and full recognition of all that is being done in this regard.

4. In order to the carrying out of these suggestions and the securing of the desired advance all along the line in the matter of benevolence, the committee on Systematic Benevolence should be made a committee of supervision, whose duties shall extend through the entire year, and to whom proper facilities should be furnished for doing their work efficiently.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. FAIRBANK,
Chairman of Committee.

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## CARLETON COLLEGE.

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PRESIDENT STRONG'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It is a great pleasure to report that the last academic year, ending June 16th, was one of substantial growth in every department of college activities. Teachers and students increased in number, new buildings were erected and old ones improved, new apparatus procured, cabinets and library enlarged, and the various facilities for thorough educational work multiplied, and a substantial addition made to the endowment fund.

The whole number of different students was three hundred and five, a gain of forty-four over the previous year. These students represented thirteen states or territories, ten nationalities and nine religious denominations. Considerably more than one-half the students were church members. Religious meetings were well sustained, the tone of religious life was good, and some hopeful conversions occurred. The "Y. M. C. A." connected with the college was quite active, sustaining, in addition to all weekly meetings, a daily prayer meeting, which is now in its eighth year. A new missionary organization—a Society of Inquiry for gentlemen—was established in June. A similar society for ladies has been for some time doing a good work in awakening missionary zeal.

In the rhetorical department new interest was kindled by the organization of an "Oratorical Association." In the State contest held in April, our college secured the honor of representing Minnesota in the "Inter-State Collegiate Con-

test," at Indianapolis, Ind., where her representative, Mr. Owen Morris of the last senior class, won the second honor. His success was not only gratifying to the friends of the college, but also gave a new stimulus to oratorical work. A prize for excellence in declamations and essays was founded in the Preparatory Department. Two new literary societies—one for gentlemen and one for ladies—were organized in June. In this connection it may be stated that a prize for the encouragement of uprightness in conduct and faithfulness in study, has recently been founded in memory of Miss Minnie Reeve of Minneapolis, who died instantly by railroad accident July 26th. This prize provides for the annual award of the income from two hundred dollars to that student, in any department, who not having been absent more than one half of one term, and having been perfect in deportment during the collegiate year, shall rank highest in scholarship.

The class of 1881, graduating in June, numbered fifteen, and nearly doubled the number of our alumni. It was a class which would have done credit to any institution in the west, and which will certainly make itself felt in the coming years.

Some changes in the faculty have occured. Prof. and Mrs. Rice are absent for one year, and their places are supplied by Misses Heald and Nichols from the Oberlin Conservatory of music. Miss Searle from Wesleyan College has been added to the corps of teachers in the English course. During past years repeated efforts have been made by older and richer institutions of the East to secure some of our valued teachers, and at last one has succeeded, much to our regret; Prof. J. B. Clark of the chair of History and Political Economy, has accepted a professorship in Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts. His place is now filled by Rev. M. L. Williston, formerly of Jamestown, New York, who, after two years of special study abroad, comes to us with high commendations.

The present year has opened well. The regular college classes are larger than ever before, while in all the departments there are about two hundred students, (nearly equally divided as to sex), in daily attendance.

Our courses of study have been slightly modified so as to offer a larger number of optional studies. These are the English (not collegiate), Scientific, Literary and Classical. In addition to these we now offer a post graduate course in pure mathematics and astronomy, which is awakening considerable attention.

Our astronomical observatory proves increasingly attractive and useful. It is well equipped—enabling our professor in this department to combine practical and illustrative work with class-room study of Astronomy, and thus to impart to his pupils something of his enthusiasm. Original work has thus far been confined mainly to latitude and longitude, comet places and double star measure. The exact latitude of the observatory is 44 degrees 27 minutes. 40.8 seconds north, and the longitude is 93 degrees 8 minutes 59.1 seconds west from Greenwich. In time it is, from Washington, 1 hour, 4 minutes, 23.85 seconds. In altitude it is 956.17 feet above Washington sea-level.

Within the last year the United States government has designated our college as a signal station, and daily observations are now made and regular reports sent to Washington. For two years our time signals have furnished the

standard time to the railroad companies and leading towns of this new Northwest. Each day at noon our clock signal passes over about 3,000 miles of wire, operating hundreds of telegraphic sounders between Milwaukee and the terminus of the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Northern Pacific railroad lines. In a recent letter from General Hazen, chief signal officer, our time service is spoken of as one of the largest and probably the most useful in the United States.

During the past year "Willis Hall," in which the last State Conference was held, has been finished and furnished throughout. Science hall has been completed and is now used as a chemical labratory, library and musem, and for lecture and recitation rooms, and signal service purposes. The building on our grounds, once a residence, has been fitted up for the use of the musical department. The foundations for a large "Ladies' hall," have been laid. The library cabinets and natural history museum, have been much enlarged both by gifts and by purchases, and they are now much more valuable than before the disastrous fire of December, 1878.

Since the last Conference considerable money has been raised at the East, both for endowment and for building purposes, and something has been receievd on legacies, but still the year's expense account has largely exceeded the income for current expenses. This was owing partly to unusually large expenditure in building and partly to the lessening rates of interest on endowment funds. It is evident that to meet the demands made by our increasing number of students, our resources must be enlarged. The regular expenditure can not be lessened without great and permanent loss. Surely we must not go backward, or lower the standard of instruction given. The one Congregational college of this Northwestern empire, founded and nurtured by this Association, must be so equipped and sustained, that it cannot fail of fulfilling its grand mission. There is no other enterprise in all the state of equal importance to the churches, or so necessary to the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

The present and pressing needs of the college are two fold. They relate to increase of our endowment funds, and to enlarged accommodations for students. To prevent constant embarrasment, and to enable the board to carry out wise plans of administration, an additional endowment of fifty thousand dollars is needed at once. In addition to this thirty thousand dollars are required to complete and furnish the new Ladies' hall whose foundations are laid, but whose walls cannot rise until the needed sum is secured. It is immensely important that these two needs be met; and we must recognize the fact that not much longer can we depend on those benevolent givers of the East, who have done so much for us. The feeling is becoming more and more general and outspoken among them that Minnesota—whose great wheat harvests and whose unequalled flour are as famous as her repudiated bonds are notorious—Minnesota must take care of herself. It is becoming increasingly difficult, and will be impossible to secure funds there for any such educational work in our state. With self-respecting independence—in the spirit of true consecration—grateful indeed for the privilege, we ought to give ourselves and our means to the grand work God has brought to our hands. Oh, that some of those in our own state, whose thrift

God has richly blessed, could appreciate the great privilege of now bestowing upon this Christian college, the means needed to make it at once, in this new Northwest, the mighty power in Christian civilization, which it is surely destined to become.

Those to whom is assigned personally this educational work, most earnestly desire your prayers and your hearty co-operation. Let each pastor and church member feel that this is his college, and that upon him rests a measure of the reponsibility and privilege of giving it all possible efficiency. The work is yours as well as ours. If we but appreciate our opportunities and wisely meet them, who can measure those results, which, with God's blessing, we may secure?

Respectfully submitted. JAMES W. STRONG.

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## (D.)

## RESOLUTIONS.

### MORMONISM.

WHEREAS, Mormonism is steadily on the increase in this country, menacing the safety of our nation, and defying the civilization of the country by its foul system of polygamy, and

WHEREAS, It is openly hostile to our institutions, is disloyal to our government, and degrades and dehumanizes those who practice and propagate its licentious principles, therefore,

*Resolved*, That it should now be suppressed by the enforcement of laws it has hitherto nullified.

*Resolved*, That Congressional action, long invoked by the best sentiment of the people, speaking through the press and various religious bodies, is imperatively demanded to bring to an end this relic of barbarism, this foul blot upon our country, and this aggressive and increasingly powerful system of organized iniquity.

*Resolved*, That we cordially commend and second the efforts of the New West Commission through Christian teachers and schools and churches to aid in the redemption of Utah.

*Resolved*, That we have the deepest sympathy for the deluded masses in this territory, and especially do we desire to express our interest in the aims and work of the Woman's Anti-Polygamy Society in Utah.

*Resolved*, That all the combined religious and moral forces of our land should now cordially unite in destroying this corrupt, disgusting and dangerous institution.

THE REVISION.

*Resolved*, That we, as an Association, heartily welcome the Revised New Testament, and commend it to the people as, in the main, a very faithful version into English, of the original Greek; and as a great help in the endeavor to ascertain the real mind of the Spirit.

OBITUARY.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, has fallen by the hand of violence, and the world mourns his loss. We, the ministers and delegates of the Congregational churches of Minnesota, desire to express the profound sorrow we feel in regard to this calamity. We realize that "a prince and a great man has fallen," and we bow in submission to this mysterious providence. We record, with sympathy for all the sorrowing, our fervent love and high appreciation of the grand and noble character of this eminent scholar, statesman and Christian. We would learn, in this affliction, some valuable lessons from the long, dark days of suffering as well as from the memory of a heroic life. We have seen a Christian home in the highest place, and a great and loving heart enthroned more fully in the hearts of a grateful people, by the true Christian patience exhibited in weeks of suffering.

We have seen a nation bowing in prayer before Almighty God for the life of its chief magistrate, and sectional feeling yielding under the softening influence of a national sorrow.

We are firmly resolved that henceforth we will work more faithfully in sowing the seed from which shall come such homes as that of our late President, to multiply in all parts of our land; and we pledge ourselves to pray more earnestly for our rulers, and for the righteousness by which our nation shall be exalted.

WHEREAS, Our Father in Heaven has decided the long health struggle of our dear brother, C. M. TERRY, by taking him from living into life;

*Resolved*, That we will not esteem our prayers in his behalf to have been wasted, but answered, in the great and gracious patience with which he came down, by painful steps, to the dark valley, and the precious ministries of love human and divine, which gathered around his dying pillow, dismissing all his fears.

*Resolved*, That we record our appreciation of his long and successful labors at St. Paul, his eloquent helpfulness at various Association meetings, and his brave championship of true reform.

*Resolved*, That, owing to our Father's will in this, as in all the Providences which have so signally broken our ranks this year, we will emulate our brother's virtues and work while our day lasts.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the bereaved wife and friends our tenderest sympathy and pray that God will wipe all tears from their eyes.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in whose wisdom and love we ever confide, has removed from active service on earth to his reward in heaven our valued and beloved brother, Rev. David Burt, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will not only cherish in our hearts, but place on record our high appreciation of his eminent services in the sister causes of religion and education. A pioneer, and, so long as his health permitted, a successful worker in the pastorate in this state, with others a founder of this Association, and one of the most efficient agents in establishing and sustaining Carleton College, he has done for the cause of religion in this state that which is worthy of being held in perpetual remembrance.

Driven by broken health from his chosen work of preaching the gospel of Christ, he yet ceased not from beneficent labor, but with marvelous industry and energy, with an enthusiasm that neither the inherent difficulty of the undertaking, nor the ever-present consciousness of physical suffering could quench, with an unwavering determination to make thorough, radical work; and yet with a Christian kindness and courtesy that won for him the confidence of all classes, he gave himself, for the remainder of his life, to the improvement of our system of common school education. As county, and afterwards for six years as state superintendent of public instruction, he has gained for himself a place and a name among educators that will not be forgotten. And, withal, we rejoice that he wore his well-earned honors modestly and humbly, and passed away at the last calmly, sweetly, trusting in Jesus as his only Savior and hope.

*Resolved*, That we tender our unfeigned sympathy to to his widow and children, and request our scribe to forward so them a copy of this minute.

The General Congregational Association of Minnesota, now in session at Rochester, having learned with great pain the bereavement that has fallen upon the family of our dear brother L. H. Cobb, DD., hereby tender to him, to his wife, and to their remaining children, its heart-felt sympathy, and pledges its earnest prayers that the promise of the Comforter may be fulfilled to them in abundant measure.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Cassius M. Terry, son of Silas and Polly Terry, was born at Clymer, Chautauqua County, New York, studied at Westfield, N. Y., and entered Am-College, Massachusetts, in 1863. He ranked high as a writer and speaker, and graduated with honors in 1867. In his freshman year Mr. Terry was converted, and decided to enter the ministry. As an inducement for him to return to his former intention of studying law, his brother-in-law, a member of Congress in Western New York, offered Mr. Terry a partnership and his magnificent law library, which were conscientiously declined.

He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in the spring of 1870, and was married in Boston, May 18, 1870, to Emily, daughter of the late President Hitchcock, of Amherst College.

He would have immediately accepted a call to New Bedford, Mass., but a severe hemorrhage of the lungs prostrated him. Weeks of horseback-riding among the New Hampshire hills restored him so that he insured his life and began his pastoral work in New Bedford in September. Two years work found him again with broken health, he took a trip to Minnesota and preached in Plymouth Church, St. Paul. This was a church of 60 or 65 members, upon whose history the shade had fallen in broader bands than the light, who felt that unless exactly the right man should come, their church must be given up. When this young man appeared before them they enthusiastically determined to secure him. He consented to entertain a call on condition that they would build a new church, for, as he said, "no respectable man would consent to preach in such a house" as the Goodrich Street Chapel was then. They immediately began arrangements for building, and gave him an unanimous call in October, 1871. But Mr. Terry, somewhat restored by his visit to Minnesota and the Indian Agencies, was working vigorously in New Bedford, and hoping for the future there, he pocketed the call. But the Atlantic coast winter broke him down, he accepted in March and began work in St. Paul, June, 1872. The corner stone of the new church was laid June 27, 1872. It was first occupied for public worship Oct. 6th, and was completed in March, 1873, at a total cost of about $33,000, It was dedicated July 19, 1873, and Mr. Terry was installed pastor at the same time. The death of their little boy shortly after the laying of the corner-stone was a terrible blow. With a natural fondness for children he was so broken from grief at the loss that his people gave him a vacation until Fall.

In spite of all his efforts to throw off disease, he slowly but surely weakened. Vacation trips rallied him for a while, but a few months of absorbing work would dissipate his strength. In the spring of 1877 he went to Colorado, without avail He returned to St. Paul, resigned his pastorate of the now strong church of 250 members, and left for Florida, where he supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in St. Augustine, till May, 1878. This visit South did him no good, but rather harm. Everything seemed to pull him down. In May, 1878, he took charge of the First Congregational church in Minneapolis, during the pastor's absence in Europe. Here, though weak, Mr. Terry was the mainspring of a great deal of labor. The organization af the Young Ladies' Flower Mission, and its first year's work were due to his solicitous care.

The summer of 1879 was passed with the Geological and Natural History Survey of Minnesota, in the northern part of the State. "Camping out" seemed always to restore him. Passionately fond of fishing, after the exposure and weariness of one day, sound sleep would fit him for another full day.

During the winter of 1879-80, Mr. Terry was occupied as laboratory assistant on the geological and natural history survey. His work was labeling and arranging specimens in the museum of the University, and preparing their sections of works for microscopic study. The following summer, 1880, he was assistant geologist, studying the lakes and water powers of the State, with many notes on the forest trees and other points in botany.

He completed his report of work done in this field in February, 1881. This was his last intellectual labor. He started at once for the South, hoping Florida would prove less a drain upon his vital forces than a Minnesota winter. A severe cold, contracted on his way to the South, was never wholly thrown off, and after one month spent in St. Augustine, and two months in Aiken, South Carolina, he reached his home in Minneapolis the first of June. The first of a series of severe hemorrhages came July 8, and he passed calmly away, August 18

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# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT A. H. M. SOCIETY REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY

In May, 1881, Rev. Levi H. Cobb, D. D., was appointed by the American Home Missionary Society, "Missionary Secretary," with headquarters at Denver, Colorado, thus leaving vacant the office of superintendent of home missions in Minnesota, which he had filled for seven years with so much vigor, fidelity and success. On the 21st of June, 1881, his successor was appointed, and on the 6th of July he reached Minneapolis. With characteristic promptness, Secretary Cobb had arranged for a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, to be held one hour after the arrival of his successor, at which he resigned his work as superintendent, and departed the next day for his new field of labor. May God make his face to shine upon him, and give to him health, divine wisdom, and the fullness of the Spirit for the unspeakably important charge now in his hands, that the forming empires of the "New West" may crystallize around the institutions of the Kingdom of Christ!

It was hoped that the retiring superintendent would prepare a report to be read at this time, for the three-quarters of the past year during which the work was under his care, a full account of which can not be given by any other person. His increased responsibilities must excuse him, and make us content with such a fragmentary report, intended to be supplemental, as the new incumbent has been able to prepare, after an acquaintance of less than three months with a field hitherto entirely new to him.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the Minn. H. M. Society have met monthly with the Superintendent during the past year, not omitting July and August, The home missionary cause in this State owes much to the gratuitous services of this Board. With patient fidelity they bestow much time watching and planning for the best interests of our missionary churches and their pastors, and for the development of new fields along our frontier. During the past year its ranks have been sadly and repeatedly broken.

First J. R. Baldwin resigned, and Rev. R. Hall was elected to fill the vacancy. Then Rev. Geo. A. Hood was put in the place of Rev. H. A. Stimson. Next, Rev. E. M. Williams having gone to Europe, was succeeded by C. W. Hackett.

When Rev. D. L. Leonard went to Utah, C. E. Dyer was appointed to fill out his term. Then Rev. D. Burt went up higher. His place on the Board is left vacant, nor do we know of one of such rare qualifications for the work. The old Board was therefore changed to C. E. Dyer, Andrew Lee, Rev. Geo. A. Hood, C. W. Hackett, Dr. Dana and Rev. R. Hull.

## NEW CHURCHES.

Bluffton, Otter Tail Co., Nov. 22, 1880, 18 members.
Wadena, Wadena Co., Dec. 2, 1880, 17 members.
Verndale, Wadena Co., Dec. 3, 1880, 8 members.
Eden (Lone Tree Lake P. O.) Redwood Co., May 8, 1881, 17 members.
St. Vincent, Kittson Co., May 17, 1881, 11 members.
Wayzata, Hennepin Co., May 27, 1881, 17 members.
Rendsville, Stevens Co., 10 members.
Evansville (Union) Douglas Co., 15 members.
Wahpeton, Dakota, April 22, 1881, 12 members.
Milbank, Dakota, June 19, 1881, 8 members.

Eight new churches in Minn., and two in Dakota organized with 133 members.

## NEW MEN.

1. Ewing, Rev. William, St. Vincent and Pembina.
2. Forbes, Rev. Washington H., Princeton and Blue Hill—Dartmouth College (partial course), and Andover Seminary.
3. Freeman, Rev. Joseph A., Mankato—Dartmouth College, Yale Seminary.
4. Hurd, Rev. Alva A., Monticello—Yale Law School, Chicago Seminary.
5. Jamison, Rev. R. W., Appleton and Lac qui Parle—Bangor Seminary.
6. Murch, Rev. A. Allerton, Fairmont—Yale College, Yale Seminary.
7. Montgomery, Rev. Marcus W., Minneapolis—Amherst College, Yale Seminary.
8. Pasco, Rev. M. K., Glyndon—Amherst College, Lane Seminary.
9. Porter, Rev. Samuel F., Campbell and Donnelly—Oneida Institute, Lane and Oberlin Seminaries.
10. Powell (Welch), Rev. William—South Bend.
11. Staver, Rev. Daniel, Medford—Nation Normal, Ohio, Union Seminary, New York City.
12. Stickney, Rev. Edward H., Detroit and Audubon—Dartmouth College, Andover Seminary.

In addition to these regular, and we hope permanent recruits to our missionary forces, the following

STUDENTS

have labored in this state during the past summer, while on their vacations, of from three to four months, generally with most excellent results :

R. R. Watkins, Auburn Seminary, at Barnesville and Colby.
George E. Albrecht, Oberlin Seminary, at New Ulm.
Henry A. Bushnell, Union Seminary, at Witoka.
W. V. Putnam, Auburn Seminary, Perham, N. Y. Mills, and Frazee City.
J. H. Hull, Oberlin Seminary, at Osakis and Gordon.
J. M. Holzinger, Yale Seminary, at Mountain Lake, Delton and Carson.
D. M. Lewis, Yale Seminary, at Dassel and Cokato.
Wm. S. Carter, Auburn Seminary, at Amiret, Clifton and Stanley.
A. S. Carver, Auburn Seminary, at Milbank, D. T.

In most cases the fields were commendably prompt and liberal in their financial support for these students.

The whole number of missionaries who have labored all or part of the past year in Minnesota, including the students, is 70. The number at work Oct. 1, 1881, is 51. The number of churches supplied with preaching all or part of the year is 120, besides 50 out-stations, making in all 170 preaching points.

The number of hopeful conversions reported is 120; the largest number in one field, 22. This cheering news, the result of extra meetings held last winter, comes from Rev. E. P. Crane, of High Forest. Rev. Daniel Staver, at Medford, reported the next highest number of converts, 17; Rev. R. A. Beard, of Brainerd, follows next with 15 "sheaves"; while the church at Clearwater gives 14 converts as the result of a revival under the labors of Rev. Pliny S. Smith and Evangelist J. D. Potter. The young sister at Witoka also reports 14 conversions, 7 of them during the labors of Rev. Hiram Elmer, and 7 more gathered during the vacation work of student H. A. Bushnell Only 18 churches report any conversions, six of these only 1 each; while 36 report none, so far as is known. Thus 120 home missionary churches report an average of just *one convert to each church!* Making all due allowance for the fact that several of these churches have had pastors only a small portion of the year, and also for the partial uncertainty which must envelope a state of heart which only the Divine eye can truthfully discern, yet, brethren, do not these sadly suggestive figures call upon us all for humiliation before Him who said that He must "work while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work"? and for importuning prayer that the Lord would revive His work among us?

Twenty-two churches report ninety-eight additions to their membership on profession; while twenty-six churches received 124 new members by letter, making a total of 222, an average of a fraction less than two members to each church. The church at Brainerd received the largest increase, twenty-two.

Four churches report revivals, viz: Clearwater, High Forest, Rose Creek, and Ortonville. The number of prayer meetings attended during the year by our missionaries varies largely. One leads off with the report of having attended 77;

another follows him closely with 75; the next are two who report 60 each; then comes one with 56; two others, one each week, 52; two more 51 each; another couple who report 50 each. This commendable faithfulness to the prayer meeting, which it has been well said, is "the spiritual thermometer of the church," has its contrasts: since we are not entirely without reports from missionaries who have held no prayer meetings on their fields during an entire quarter.

In the number of sermons preached during the year there is less variation. One missionary has preached 175 times; another 144 times; a third 143 times, and several others above 100 times each.

Our missionaries have attended 225 funerals, and solemnized 102 marriages. Forty-one churches worship in their own buildings, leaving 79 that are yet homeless, besides the 50 outstations. It thus appears that only about one-third of our home missionary churches have houses of worship! Seven are building or buying, viz: Hancock, Lake Benton, Brainerd, Breckenridge, Appleton, Crookston and Sleepy Eye.

Twelve churches report a "society" corporation distinct from the church.

*Respecting debts* our churches are in a highly gratifying condition. Only eight report any debt, and the total of these is only $1,435. May we not hope to be able to report next year that these debts are all paid, and that not one home missionary church in Minnesota owes a dollar? Since we are so nearly clear, let us "go on unto perfection."

The number of Sunday Schools under the care of our missionaries is 101, having an enrolled attendance of 3,710 persons. An interesting feature of the work during the year, has been the organization of 28 new S. Schools.

We all rejoice that one home missionary, Rev. W. W. Snell, of Rushford, has had the privilege, this year, of giving a daughter, Mrs. Burnell, to the foreign work of the American Board.

Rev. S. H. Kellogg, of Swansea (who was once a home missionary in need of a horse) has given a good horse, the choice out of his stables, that the proceeds might help two other missionaries to conveyances.

A few days after student Albrecht began what seemed to be a forlorn hope in New Ulm, the cyclone demolished the German M. E. Church, where he held services, the only Protestant church in that town of 2,500 population. Writing to the Superintendent, he inquired, "Where next?" as he could do nothing more there. The reply was, "Stay there; this is your opportunity." A few days later came the report that another building engaged for services, had been ruined by another storm, before one service had been held in it, and the young missionary anxiously inquired again, "Where now shall I go?" "*Hold the fort!*" were the orders; and thenceforward the tide turned. A lawyer offered his office for religious services; regular preaching was maintained, and a Sunday School organized, which has since steadily increased in numbers and interest.

## DAKOTA.

A few days ago our beloved Secretary in New York, Rev. Dr. Coe, had a dream; and in his vision he went back again to his mother's knee, and heard her repeat the old couplet :

"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do."

Awakening with these lines in mind he immediately thought of the temptations of western superintendents from this source; and quickly wrote an order adding to the Minnesota field all that part of Dakota lying north of the forty-sixth parallel—an area embracing one-half of that territory, and nearly equal to the whole state of Minnesota. This young giant child of the north-western prairies, blossoming into farms, towns, varied industries, and gospel needs, I bring to you, brethren in Minnesota, and lay it upon your hearts and prayers.

The brief survey of the missionary fields in this state which has yet been possible for me to make, impresses me deeply with some

IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF THE WORK.

1. *Larger contributions to the American Home Missionary Society.*—Our churches in Minnesota gave last year (from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881,) $4,814,62. For the first six months of this year, (from April 1, 1881, to Oct. 1, 1881,) the gifts have been only $1,610.53, making $183.85 less than for the same months last year; and this too, when this mother society is giving $12,000 a year to missionary work in Minnesota; and when the air thrills with the call for an "*advance all along the line!*" Some very needy and promising fields in this state, where the people are almost without religious service of any kind, must be neglected unless the Minnesota churches largely increase their offerings.

The apportionment set apart for this state by the parent society in New York for the year ending April 1, 1882, is already appropriated. Henceforth, until April next, our home missionary work in Minnesota must be carried forward by our Minnesota churches; and this service will be prompt, efficient and fruitful, or crippled, languishing and neglected, mainly according as these churches shall give promptly and liberally to this cause.

2. The next imperative need is *more church buildings.*

One hundred and twenty missionary churches in Minnesota, and 79 of them, or one less than *two-thirds*, have no church home! The importance of a chapel in which to gather the people for worship, for preaching, and for Sunday Schools, comes home too closely to the thought, and prayer, and hope of every missionary, to need any enlargement here. Let us build more churches the coming year—without aid, if possible, and without debt in all cases. The facts justify imploring the friends East and West to increase their contributions to the Congregational Union Society, that not one homeless church may stretch out her hands in vain for help.

3. *Parsonages.*—Among our 120 home missionary churches, *only seven* have parsonages. These fortunate ones are Marine 1st., Clearwater, Alexandria, Hamilton, Medford and Osakis. Our missionaries have been asked for their views of the importance of parsonages. Nearly all reply by strongly urging that there be on every field a house in which the minister may feel that he is at home. In frontier fields where vacant houses can seldom be found, parsonages are scarcely less neces-

ssary than houses of worship. One brother says he was compelled to build a house, although financially unable to do so, because no house could be rentd on his field. Another writes that the "parsonage is almost essential to good work." Several others report that "in many places a parsonage is almost as necessary as a church edifice." Among other expressions from our missionaries on this subject, are the following: "A parsonage is of the first importance"; "a *very great need* in all new towns"; "worth everything on new fields"; "all ought to have them"; "a great convenience in a frontier country"; "a great advantage to the church"; "a great help to both minister and church"; "their importance to the general interests of the work can hardly be overestimated"; "in many places essential to self-support." One missionary says, "I have found it *very difficult* to get a house at all, and have had to move three times in 2¼ years." Another says, "parsonages are desirable in all places, almost indispensable in many." One brother left an important field because he could not rent even the poorest shelter for his family; and on one field they have built a parsonage to keep their pastor from leaving. Only one missionary speaks against parsonages. He says they "tend to shorten pastorates;—the minister should own his dwelling place." On the other hand, another says: "Parsonages are one great help in securing permanency of pastorates." The unmarried brethren, however, generally report, "No need of a parsonage *at present*," but one of these unfortunate ministers finds it so difficult to get even a lodging place and a pastor's study in his field, that he says, "A parsonage is almost indispensable *here*, even for an old bachelor!"

If I have devoted unusual space to this subject, it is because I feel deeply its close connection with the best interests of our work, and have desired that our missionaries themselves should be heard. My sympathies are warmly with the little band of church members in the new regions, who have no home to offer to the family of him who is breaking unto them the Bread of Life. I can share in the feeling of discouragement and self-denial of the missionary and his wife who *must* take "just any place" that may possibly be vacant, however cramped, inconvenient or unhealthful, with the prospect that from even such "quarters" they must soon move again. So often does the story come from these fields: "We can't preaching, but where shall the minister live?" and from the missionary, "I would gladly go into that field, but there is no place for my family to live." Any lover of home missions who can give a small, stimulating pledge towards each of twenty-five parsonages in Minnesota (or to one or more), will help the cause a long step toward the solution of the problem: "Better men, better salaries, better fields."

It is ten-fold more important that these frontier fields should have parsonages than that churches in the cities and older towns should have them. In the former the minister can have his choice and rent to his liking; in the latter there is often only a "last resort," and sometimes not even that. We need to reverse the current practice, and first build parsonages for the missionaries on the frontier.

4. Finally, and chiefly: Our greatest need is a *spiritual blessing* from on high! A revival all along the line, in every church and at every out-station! Brethren, this is the core of the whole subject; this is the goal towards which all

our prayers and efforts point. ***An outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us all, and upon all our churches,*** and then every cloud of difficulty or discouragement will vanish, and every department of our work will blossom as a morning in June. Do we not do much of our lifting of arms length?

We regret the small contributions to our missionary societies, and appoint committees on "ways and means;" we deplore the scanty salary of the missionary; we see that two-thirds of our churches have no roof under which to gather; we mourn that so many professing Christians are so far from Christ; so many towns are full of wickedness; so many communities indifferent to the Sabbath, and to the worship of God; and yet how like a passing cloud would all these trials in our work fly away if we would only open our hearts to receive the divine enduement which the Holy Spirit is waiting to pour upon us! Brethren, let us begin at once to pray for this divine blessing; to plan for it and to work for it. The burden of our heart is: What shall be done for these feeble churches? What shall save these destitute, waste places? What shall break the spell of worldliness paralyzing them? What shall arouse these communities, so indifferent to things "unseen and eternal?" Let us do what the mothers in Palestine did with their children; *let us bring them to Christ.*

# PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL CONFERENCES

## ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in Plymouth church, Minneapolis, May 17th and 18th, 1881. The opening sermon by Rev. David Henderson, from Ps. cxxii, 1.

Moderator, Rev. W. W. Norton; Scribe, Rev. I. L. Cory.

There were present as members of the Conference: Pastors 13; delegates 14; besides ministers without charges. 4; and honorary members, ministers 5, layman 1.

Papers and topics discussed were introduced and led as follows: "Power for pastoral work," Rev. J. B. Renshaw; "When is a person in good standing in a church," Rev. W. W. Norton; "Relations of the church to education," Rev. W. M. Jenkins; "Relations of the secular press to Christian Work," Gen. A. B. Nettleton.

Report of the committee to review the Constitution was adopted, and the new Constitution made operative immediately.

The report of the committee on a division of the Conference was again tabled.

Officers elected for the year: Registrar, James G. Nind, Minneapolis;

Executive Committee—Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. I. L. Cory and W. J. Dyer, Esq.

Business Committee—Rev. G. A. Hood, Rev. I. I. Cory and Deacon D. H. Mason.

Nominating Committee—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Rev. M. A. Stevens, and Deacon S. W. Maxson.

Committee on Place and Preacher—Rev. N. C. Chapin, Rev. W. M. Jenkins and Rev. F. N. Walcott.

The Registrar was instructed by Conference to act as Treasurer.

The closing session was devoted to short addresses on the subject of Home Missions.

Adjourned to meet at Sauk Center.

JAMES G. NIND, Registrar.

### MANKATO CONFERENCE

First annual meeting at Freeborn, June 28th, 1881.

Opening sermon by Rev. A. T. Sherwin., Text, Rev. 3: 1, 2.

Rev. R. S. Armstrong, moderator; Rev. A. A. Murch, scribe.

Ten churches represented by six ministers and seven delegates.

Conference heard a paper on "Household Baptism" by Rev. R. S. Armstrong; an address on "The Dark Continent" by Rev. L. W. Chaney; a sermon by Rev. L. W. Chaney, text, Rev. 21: 9; a discussion of the Doctrines of original sin, by Rev. A. A. Murch; an address on the Home Missionary meeting at Chicago, by Rev. S. K. Perkins; a sermon by Rev. A. A. Murch, text, Luke 15: 31.

Executive committee next year, Revs. L. W. Chaney, A. T. Sherwin, W. Fisk.

The church at Albert Lea, recently disbanded by advice of council, was dropped from the roll.

Next meeting at Waseca. Preacher, H. H. Hart, alternate, Rev. S. K. Perkins.

S. K. PERKINS, Registrar.

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### MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

A plan for the division of the Western Conference had been presented to the churches and voted upon favorably, which would set off into another body the churches of Appleton, Benson, Granite Falls, Montevideo, Lac qui Parle, Havelock, Ortonville, Morris and Hancock.

At the annual Meeting at Morris, June 9th—12th, 1881, a resolution was adopted accordingly.

On Saturday, June 11th, the new body was called to order, Rev. Geo. B. Nutting in the chair, and Rev. A. Hadden, scribe.

The constitution of the Western Conference was adopted with some slight changes. The name above was chosen as the one for the body.

Rev. J. L. Fonda was elected Registrar, and Revs. Fonda, Ruddock and Sargent, missionary committee.

The time and place of the next meeting were left for the Registrar to arrange. The Conference then adjourned its first meeting.

J. L. FONDA, Registrar.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Meeting at Glyndon, July 5th and 6th, 1881,

Rev. O. M. Smith, moderator; Rev. W. L. Sutherland, scribe. Opening sermon by Rev. Samuel F. Porter of Campbell.

Churches represented: Audubon, Bluffton, Brainerd, Breckenridge, Crookston, Duluth Fergus Falls, Glyndon, Hawley, Muskoda, Park, Perham, Verndale, Wadena. Nine ministers, nine delegates, seven visiting ministers.

The church at Wahpeton, Dakota, was added to the list, and the minister, Rev. M. S. Hall, elected a member of Conference. Other new members: Revs. W. L. Sutherland, Josiah Kidder, C. C. Salter, S. F. Porter, J. O. Emerson.

Discussion of "The Union Church plan" was opened by Rev. S. H. Barteau.

The Conference Sermon for criticism was by Rev. C. C. Salter.

Papers were read on "What the East and the West are to each other," by Rev. O. M. Smith; "The Sabbath, its History and proper observance," by Rev. W. L. Sutherland: "The Unity of Old and New School Theology," by Rev. R. A. Beard. "Is Catechetical Teaching in the Sunday School desirable?" by Rev. S. N. Millard, Missionary American Sunday School Union. Account of the American Home Missionary Society meeting at Chicago by Rev. S. H. Barteau; "Amusements" by J. M. Fisher, Esq.

Executive committee for next year, Revs. R. A. Beard S. H. Barteau, C. C. Salter.

Next meeting at Brainard third Tuesday in June, 1882.

THOS. W. DUNLAP, Registrar.

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## OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting at Austin, May 31st, 1880. Twenty churches were represented by 9 ministers and 12 delegates; Moderator, Rev. L. H. Moses; Scribe, Rev. A. H. Tebbets. Opening sermon by Rev. Geo. Huntington, text, John 17, 1.

New members received, Revs. Geo. Huntington, C. W. Bird, D. Goodsell, Edmund Gale. Members granted letters of dismission, Revs. J. R. Chalmers, R. B. Wright, W. A. Cutler.

The Constitution was revised, Articles 2, 5, 6, 7 amended, Articles 3 and 4, with the matter of By-Laws referred to Revs. Fairbank, Gill and Wright, to report at next meeting

Address by Rev. E. Gale, on "Revivals of Religion", was discussed. Sermon by Rev. A. H. Tebbetts, text, Rom. 5, 8; communion, and collection $4.65,

The A. M. A. address was by Secretary Powell, the A. H. M. S. by Supt. L. H. Cobb. Home Missionary Executive Committee, Revs. C. E. Wright, E. Gale, J. B. Fairbank.

Next meeting at Faribault, Preacher, Rev. J. B. Fairbank; alternate, Rev. C. W. Bird.

J. B. FAIRBANK, Registrar.

### WINONA CONFERENCE.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting was held at Winona, May 24th–26th, 1881. Sermon by H. B. Tuttle, St. Charles.

Moderator, Rev. G. E. Freeman: scribe, Rev. H. B. Tuttle.

Papers read and discussed were the following: "Our need of a fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit to secure the success of our church work," Rev. G. E. Feerman; "Our duty to the masses who do not attend church," Rev. C. H. Rogers; "Perils of our young men from Sceptcism, and how to save them," Rev. E. P. Crane; Report of Temperance work in the Conference, Rev. P. B. Fisk; Review of the Revised New Testament, Rev. G. E. Freeman; Report of the National Council, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw; An address on Missionary work in the State and the Great West, Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.

The Hamilton church at its own request, was dismissed to join the Owatonna Conference; and the Spring Valley church was dropped from the roll, having already joined the same.

The Registrar with the Home Missionary Committee, were appointed a committee on credentials of Ministers.

The Home Missionary Committee for the Conference—Revs. Morley, Fisk and Bradshaw.

Resolutions were adopted expressing satisfaction at the creation of the new Home Missionary secretaryship and the appointment of Dr. Cobb to fill it; of regret at his leaving the State; of appreciation of his work in the State, and commending him "to the prayers and love of the Christian people of his wider field as a brother beloved, whose praise is in all the churches."

Next meeting at Zumbrota, fourth Tuesday in May, 1882.

H. B. TUTTLE, Registrar.

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### WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Opening sermon by Rev. A. Hadden. Moderator, Rev. Geo. B. Nutting; Scribe, Rev. A. Hadden. Five papers were read, four topics discussed, and a sermon on Sabbath morning.

Nine churches were set off to form the Minnesota Valley Conference. The Constitution was amended so as to allow alteration at a regular meeting without a year's notice.

New members: Revs. A. Hadden and W. A. Lyman. Dismissed to Owatonna Conference, Revs. D. Goodsell and L. H. Moses.

Resolution was passed of appreciation of the work in Minnesota, and worth of Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.

Missionary Executive Committe, Revs. H. C. Simmons, W. A. Lyman, Wm. Wilson. Business Committee, Revs. Wm. Wilson, W. A. Lyman, Mr. I. Gallagher.

Next meeting at Lake Benton, Rev. W. A. Lyman, preacher.

HENRY C. SIMMONS, Registrar.

# CHURCHES BY COUNTIES AND KEY TO MAP.

ANOKA.

5. Anoka.

BECKER.

75. Audubon.
71. Detroit.
126. Lake View.
113. Lake Park.

BENTON.

102. Gilmanton.
4. Sauk Rapids.

BIG STONE.

131. Ortonville.

BLUE EARTH.

6. Butternut Valley.
100. Goshen.
64. East Mapleton.
57. Mankato.
97. McPherson.
35. South Bend.
20. Sterling.

BROWN.

108. Burns.
79. Sleepy Eye.

CHIPPEWA.

111. Havelock.
65. Montevideo.

CLAY.

70. Glyndon.
84. Hawley.
83. Muskoda.
82. Park.

COTTONWOOD.

87. Mountain Lake.

CROW WING.

72. Brainerd.

DAKOTA.

58. Douglas.

DODGE.

37. Claremont.
29. Dodge Center.
26. Mantorville.

DOUGLAS.

56. Alexandria.
115. Osakis.

FILLMORE.

125. Granger.
39. Hamilton.
23. Lenora.
38. Rushford.
8. Spring Valley.

FREEBORN.

127. Alden.
86. Freeborn.
90. Hartland.

GOODHUE.

12. Cannon Falls.
18. Zumbrota.

HENNEPIN.

2. Excelsior.
1. Minneapolis—First.
17. Minneapolis—Plym'th.
50. Minneapolis—Second.
85. Minneapolis—Pilgrim.
146. Wayzata.

KITTSON.

145. St. Vincent.

LAC QUI PARLE.

66. Lac qui Parle.

LE SUEUR.

129. Waterville.

LINCOLN.

141. Lake Benton.
138. Lake Stay.
96. Tyler.

LYON.

123. Amiret.
134. Clifton.
92. Custer—Bethel.
73. Marshall.
94. Tracy.
101. Stanley.

M'LEOD.

22. Glencoe.
60. Hutchinson.
98. Round Grove.

MARTIN.

45. Chain Lake Center.
54. Fairmont.
128. Sherburne.
63. Westford.

MEEKER.

117. Dassel.
103. Union Grove.

MILLE LAC.

10. Princeton.

MORRISON.

61. Belle Plaine.
69. Little Falls.
95. Two Rivers.

MOWER.

19. Austin.
59. Brownsdale.
114. Dexter.
118. Grand Meadow.
48. Lansing
51. Nevada.
74. Rose Creek.

NICOLLET.

78. Belgrade.
55. Providence.

NOBLES.

80. Worthington.

OLMSTED.

36. High Forest.
42. Quincy.
24. Rochester.
137. Stewartville.

OTTER TAIL.

121. Bluffton.
136. Easton.
68. Fergus Falls.
105. Maine.
133. Perham.
106. Scambler.
104. St. Olaf.

PIPESTONE.

139. Edgerton.

POLK.

119. Crookston.

POPE.

49. Glenwood.

RAMSEY.

30. St. Paul.

REDWOOD.

144. Eden.
107. Lamberton.
89. Walnut Station.

RENVILLE.

64. Preston Lake.

RICE.

67. Cannon City.
41. East Prairieville.
9. Faribault.
120. Morristown.
14. Northfield.

ROCK.

122. Luverne and Clinton.

ST. LOUIS.

62. Duluth.

SHERBURNE.

99. Baldwin.
93. Elk River.

STEARNS.

46. Palmesville.
47. Sauk Center.
44. St. Cloud.

STEELE.

112. Berlin
15. Medford.
21. Owatonna.

STEVENS.

81. Hancock.
88. Morris.
143. Rendsville.

SWIFT.

135. Appleton.
109. Benson.

TODD.

132. Gordon.

WABASHA.

27. Elgin.
16. Lake City.
40. Mazeppa.
43. Plainview.
13. Wabasha.

WADENA.

142. Verndale.
91. Wadena.

WASECA.

124. Freedom.
52. Waseca.

WASHINGTON.

31. Afton.
32. Cottage Grove.
28. Lakeland.
25. Marine—First.
116. Marine—Second.

WILKIN.

110. Breckenridge.

WINONA.

11. Saratoga.
33. St. Charles.
3. Winona,
140. Witoka.

WRIGHT.

34. Clearwater.
130. Cokato.
7. Monticello.

YELLOW MEDICINE.

77. Granite Falls.

ITASCA
BELTRAMI
ST LOUIS
LAKE
BECKER
CASS
AITKEN
CARLTON
NORTHERN PACIFIC
TODD
MORRISON
MILLE LAC
KANABEC
PINE
DOUGLASS
BENTON
POPE
STEARNS
SHELBURNE
LEANTI
CHISAGO
SWIFT
KANDIYOHI
MEEKER
WRIGHT
ANOKA
HENNEPIN
CHIPPEWA
RENVILLE
McLEOD
SIBLEY
SCOTT
DAKOTA
REDWOOD
NICOLLET
RICE
GOODHUE
WABASHA
BROWN
MURRAY
COTTONWOOD
BLUE EARTH
WASECA
STEELE
DODGE
OLMSTED
WINONA
MANKATO
NOBLES
JACKSON
FARIBAULT
FREEBORN
FILLMORE
CONGREGATION
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MINNESOTA
Conference Bound

# HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

| Organized Oct. 24, 1856. | | Place of Meeting. | Moderator. | Recording Secretary. | Corresponding Secretary. | Statistical Secretary. | Preacher and Text. |
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| Annual Meeting 2d Wednesday in October. | 1856 | St. Anthony | Rev. S. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1 :4 |
| | 1857 | Prescott, Wis | Rev. L. Armsby.... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | ..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4 : 7. |
| | 1858 | Faribault. .. | Rev. D. Andrews. . | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11 : 15. |
| | 1859 | Winona. .... | Rev. C. Secombe.... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. L. Armsby, Rev. 318. |
| | 1860 | St. Paul..... | Rev. D. Burt ..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55 :10, 11. |
| | 1861 | Anoka..... | Rev. O. A. Thomas. | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. S. Fisk, Phil. 4 :6. |
| | 1862 | Northfield. | Rev. Chas. Shedd... | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2 :13. |
| | 1863 | Lake City... | Rev. W. R. Stevens. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17 :20, 21. |
| | 1864 | Rochester... | Bro. C. M. Goodsell. | Rev. A. K. Packard. | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. C. Secombe, Prov. 24, 10. |
| | 1865 | Minneapolis. | Bro. R. G. Lincoln.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2 :1. |
| | 1866 | Faribault... | Bro. W. G. Copp ... | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. B. Smith, Matt. 23 :8. |
| | 1867 | St. Cloud.... | Rev. J. W. Strong.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley... | Rev. D. Burt.... | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. J Hart, Luke 19 :11, 27. |
| | 1868 | Austin... .. | Bro. L. W. Furber. | Rev. L. S. Griggs... | Rev. A. Fuller . | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. A. Fuller, Job. 40 :3, 42 :5, 6. |
| | 1869 | Owatona.... | Bro. J. L. Noyes... | Rev. L. S. Griggs... | Rev. A. Fuller.. | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4 :22, 12. |
| | 1870 | Northfield... | Bro. R. J. Baldwin.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. A. Fuller . | Rev. C. Secombe | Rev. W. B. Dada, Mark 4 :28. |
| | 1871 | St. Anthony. | Rev. J. W. Strong... | Rev. H. A. Stimson.. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall... . | Rev. C. C Salter, Is. 40 :3. |
| | 1872 | Lake City... | Rev. S. H. Barteau. | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev. R. Hall.... | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom, 1 :16. |
| | 1873 | St. Paul.. | Bro. H. W. Page..... | Rev. H. Bumsted ... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall.... | Rev. H. M. Tenney, Phil. 2 :15, 16. |
| | 1874 | Winona. .... | Rev, H. A. Stimson. | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall.... | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3 :9-17. |
| | 1875 | Minneapolis. | Rev. L. H. Cobb.... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1 :16. |
| | 1876 | Austin..... | Rev. E M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney | Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Eph. 3 :8. |
| | 1877 | Faribault. .. | Rev. David Burt .. | Bro. Wm. Cheney.. | Rev. N.C.Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney | Rev. C. W. Merrill, 2 Tim. 4 :2. |
| | 1878 | Mankato.... | Rev. D. L. Leonard | Bro. Wm. Cheney.. | Rv. L. W.Chaney | Bro. W. Cheney | Rev. J. H. Morley, Matt. 16 :15, 16. |
| | 1879 | E.Minn'polis | Hon. A. H. Young.. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood.. | Rv. L. W.Chaney | Rev.Geo.A.Hood | Rev. D. L. Leonard, Heb. 11 :1. |
| | 1880 | Northfield... | Rev. L. W. Chaney.. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood.. | Rv. L. W.Chaney | Rev.Geo.A.Hood | Rev. J.W.Bradshaw, Matt. 28 :18,19. |
| | 1881 | Rochester... | Rev. Geo. A Hood,. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood.. | Rv, L.W.Chaney | Rev.Geo.A.Hood | Rev. C. E. Wright, Matt. 11 : 4 |

# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st, 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISED | SABBATH SCHOOLS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor. | Installed | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplin'd | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. School | In Mission S. Schools | Total. | Families. |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | W. E. Archibald | 1881 | | 5 | 16 | 21 | 5 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 50 | | 50 | |
| Alexandria | 1867 | 10 | 14 | | | | 12 | 35 | 47 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 75 | | 75 | |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | M. A. Stevens | 1881 | | 55 | 63 | 88 | 10 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | 135 | | 135 | 95 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | J. S. Hull | 1881 | | 6 | 11 | 17 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 6 |
| Blue Hill U | 1876 | 1 | 12 | W. H. Forbes | 1881 | | 6 | 10 | 16 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | 20 | | 20 | |
| Brownton | 1875 | 11 | 12 | J. B. Renshaw | 1880 | | 10 | 13 | 23 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 45 | 20 | 65 | 25 |
| Clearwater | 1859 | 4 | 20 | O. P. Champlin | 1881 | | 19 | 55 | 74 | | 18 | | 29 | | | | | 17 | | 80 | 40 | 120 | |
| Cokato | 1879 | 3 | 28 | | | | | | 12 | 7 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | W. E. Archibald | 1881 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dassel | 1878 | 2 | 25 | | | | 4 | 15 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | 74 | | 74 | |
| Easton | 1879 | 11 | 12 | | | | 2 | 5 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | | 40 | |
| Elk River | 1855 | 2 | 7 | W. M. Jenkins | 1878 | | 16 | 30 | 46 | 8 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 150 | | 150 | 45 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | | 44 | 64 | 108 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 7 | | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 110 | | 110 | 80 |
| Gilmanton | 1875 | 5 | 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 11 | 14 | Jos. Chandler | 1876 | | 10 | 23 | 33 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 60 | | 60 | 20 |
| Glenwood | 1875 | 9 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gordon | 1879 | 9 | 7 | Henry I. Zercher | 1881 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hutchinson | 1870 | 9 | 18 | Jas. B. Renshaw | 1879 | 1879 | 8 | 15 | 23 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | | 80 | | 80 | 18 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | C. L. Corwin | 1881 | | 4 | 10 | 14 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 | | 40 | 12 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | Jacob S. Hull | 1881 | | 14 | 19 | 33 | 6 | | | | | 3 | | 3 | | | 56 | 50 | 106 | 40 |
| Marine Mills—First | 1858 | 2 | 8 | A. D. Roe | 1881 | | 2 | 8 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 51 | | 51 | 20 |
| Marine Mills—Second | 1878 | 2 | 6 | | | | 6 | 16 | 22 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 6 | 60 | | 60 | |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | | | | 62 | 105 | 167 | 27 | 8 | 23 | 31 | 3 | 4 | | 7 | 5 | 3 | 280 | 75 | 355 | |
| Minneapolis—Plym'th | 1857 | 4 | 28 | | | | 209 | 359 | 568 | 20 | 14 | 28 | 42 | 3 | 19 | | 22 | 5 | 6 | 350 | 400 | 750 | |
| Minneapolis—Second | 1867 | 10 | 4 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | 1879 | 61 | 125 | 186 | 10 | 20 | 27 | 47 | 3 | 14 | | 17 | 12 | 3 | 180 | 120 | 300 | |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Geo. A Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 49 | 82 | 131 | 12 | 21 | 23 | 44 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 1 | 201 | 35 | 236 | 60 |
| Monticello | 1855 | 3 | 8 | Alva A. Hurd | 1881 | | 11 | 21 | 32 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | 52 | | 52 | 25 |
| Osakis | 1877 | 11 | 24 | Henry J. Zercher | 1881 | | 5 | 15 | 20 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 11 | | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 35 | | 35 | 25 |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | | | | 6 | 7 | 13 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | | | | 11 | 20 | 31 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | 20 | | 20 | 10 |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 11 | Wash. H. Forbes | 1881 | | 14 | 14 | 28 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sauk Centre | 1867 | 1 | 20 | Isaac L. Cory | 1879 | 1879 | 28 | 49 | 77 | 13 | 15 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 8 | 6 | 125 | 60 | 185 | 80 |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | | | | 9 | 12 | 21 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | 70 | | 70 | 12 |
| St. Cloud | 1854 | 2 | 10 | | | | 11 | 30 | 41 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | | 6 | | 6 | | | 40 | | 40 | 31 |
| St. Paul | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M. McG. Dana, D. D. | 1878 | 1878 | 165 | 254 | 419 | | 2 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 250 | 150 | 400 | 170 |
| Two Rivers U | 1875 | 5 | 2 | | | | 14 | 23 | 37 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | 44 | 30 | 74 | 40 |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wayzata | 1881 | 5 | 18 | F. N. Walcott | 1881 | | 6 | 13 | 19 | | 7 | 12 | 19 | | | | | | | 45 | 20 | 65 | 46 |
| | | | | | | | 861 | 1549 | 2410 | 321 | 122 | 159 | 281 | 19 | 78 | 7 | 104 | 76 | 30 | 2879 | 840 | 3707 | 606 |

NEW CHURCH—Wayzata. NOT REPORTING—(last year's report inserted) Blue Hill, Cottage Grove, Easton, Gilmanton, Glenwood, Two Rivers, Union Grove.

# ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H.M.S. | C. P.S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expen'es | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 16.00 | $ 13 12 | $ 12.00 | $... .. | $.... .. | $14.52 | $ | $ 5.23 | $ 60.87 | $ 350.00 | $ 410.87 |
| Alexandria | ..... ... | 31.00 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25.00 | 91.00 | 1,130.00 | 1,221.00 |
| Anoka | ..... | 15 89 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50.00 | 65.89 | 1,400 00 | 1,465.89 |
| Belle Prairie | ..... | 13.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | 17.00 | 130.00 | 147.00 |
| Blue Hill | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brownton | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 250.00 | 260.00 |
| Clearwater | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 775.00 | 775.00 |
| Cokato | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cottage Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dassel | ..... | 12.95 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 58.00 | 70.95 | 225.95 | 296.90 |
| Easton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elk River | 6.00 | 6 67 | 3.78 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 55.00 | 71.45 | 650.00 | 721.45 |
| Excelsior | 35.00 | 45.32 | 25.00 | 12.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300.00 | 417.32 | 600.00 | 1,017.32 |
| Gilmanton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Glencoe | ..... | 30.00 | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | 41.00 | 290.00 | 331.00 |
| Glenwood | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gordon | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hutchinson | 7.25 | 29.50 | 8.00 | 7.00 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 | 61.75 | 490.00 | 551.75 |
| Lakeland | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 |
| Little Falls | ..... | 3.83 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.83 | 7.50 | 11.33 |
| Marine Mills..First | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 238.00 | ..... |
| Marine Mills—Second | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 60.00 | 62.00 |
| Minneapolis—First | 93.20 | 380 92 | 46.10 | 146.10 | 46.10 | ..... | ..... | 397.85 | 1,110.29 | 2,250.00 | 3,360.29 |
| Minneapolis—Plymouth | 609.92 | 927 40 | 306.78 | 150.15 | 59.56 | ..... | 30.39 | 1,295.87 | 3,380 08 | 6,000 00 | 9,380.08 |
| Minneapolis—Second | 7.86 | 51.20 | 45.24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 81.05 | 190.59 | 2,800.00 | 2,990.59 |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 2.85 | 39.03 | 2.37 | 95 | 48 | 28 | ..... | 50.00 | 95.96 | 1,584.57 | 1,682.53 |
| Monticello | ..... | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20.00 | 380.00 | 400.00 |
| Osakis | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.30 | ..... | ..... |
| Paynesville | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 | 8.00 | 33.00 |
| Preston Lake | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Princeton | ..... | 26.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Centre | 30.50 | 31.78 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 67.28 | 1,078 25 | 1,113.75 |
| Sauk Rapids | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150.00 | 150 00 |
| St. Cloud | 13 98 | 46.43 | 5.20 | 6.55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | 77.26 | 870.00 | 947.26 |
| St. Paul | 225.74 | 386.75 | 73.60 | 29.32 | 27.39 | ..... | ..... | 154.48 | 1,097.48 | 4,677.74 | 5,775.22 |
| Two Rivers U | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Union Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wayzata | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 |
| | $1,045.60 | $2,320.79 | $528.07 | $369.57 | $133.53 | $21.80 | $30.39 | $2,546.58 | $6,862.80 | $26,757.01 | $33,753.34 |

Executive Committee—Revs. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis; I. L. Cory, Mr. J. W. Dyer; Registrar—Jas. G. Nind, Minneapolis.

# MANKATO CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st, 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISED | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. School. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Alden | 1879 | 3 | .. | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 10 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Belgrade | 1873 | .... | .. | ..... | .... | .... | 7 | 15 | 22 | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | .. | 35 | .... |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | 4 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | 20 | 20 | .... |
| Butternut Valley, Go- | 1876 | 4 | .. | Wm. Powell | 1881 | .... | 4 | 8 | 12 | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 18 | .... | 18 | 3 |
| Butternut Valley, Sa- | 1855 | 10 | 13 | Wm. Powell | 1881 | .... | 16 | 18 | 34 | 4 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 65 | .... | 65 | 15 |
| Chain L'keCentre[lem | 1865 | 5 | 29 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Edgerton | 1880 | 5 | 12 | C. W. Matthews | 1881 | .... | 7 | 7 | 14 | 1 | .. | 2 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 25 | 40 | 65 | .... |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | A. A. Murch | 1881 | .... | 18 | 29 | 47 | 17 | .. | .. | 1 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 5 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 18 |
| Freedom | 1878 | 11 | 12 | R. S. Armstrong | 1876 | 1878 | 5 | 9 | 14 | .... | .. | .. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 80 | .... | 80 | 20 |
| Hartland | 1874 | 9 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 12 | 18 | 30 | 6 | .. | .. | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | 30 | 35 | 65 | 20 |
| LuVerne & Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 12 | J. E. McNamara | 1880 | .... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 10 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | J. A. Freeman | 1881 | .... | 62 | 68 | 130 | 39 | .. | 5 | 5 | 1 | 14 | .. | 15 | .... | .... | 115 | 50 | 165 | 62 |
| Mapleton, East | 1879 | 9 | 5 | R. S. Armstrong | 1877 | .... | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .. | .. | .... | .. |
| McPherson | 1875 | 6 | 6 | A. T. Sherwin | 1880 | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | .... | .. | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Mountain Lake | 1874 | .... | .. | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Providence | 1864 | 9 | 10 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Sherburne | 1879 | 3 | 16 | S. K. Perkins | 1880 | .... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 1 | .. | 6 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .. | 50 | 34 |
| South Bend (Welsh) | 1859 | .... | .. | Wm. Powell | 1881 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | .. | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | 15 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | A. T. Sherwin | 1880 | .... | 17 | 16 | 33 | .... | .. | 2 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 45 | .... | 45 | .... |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 15 | Lucian W. Chaney | 1881 | .... | 50 | 82 | 132 | 16 | 4 | 8 | 12 | .... | 11 | 1 | 12 | 2 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | 75 |
| Westford | 1871 | 5 | 23 | S. K. Perkins | 1880 | .... | 5 | 9 | 14 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 12 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 18 | H. H. Hart | 1880 | 1881 | 25 | 41 | 66 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | 90 | 95 | 140 | 45 |
| | | | | | | | 273 | 374 | 647 | 126 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 3 | 30 | 1 | 34 | 7 | 5 | 870 | 195 | 1065 | 329 |

CHURCHES NOT REPORTING—(Last year's report inserted) Belgrade, Chain Lake Centre, Mountain Lake, Providence.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. L. W. Chaney, Waseca; Wilbur Fisk, A. T. Sherwin. REGISTRAR—Rev. S. K. Perkins, Sherburne.

## MANKATO CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A. H. M. S | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alden | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $. | $ | $ | $ |
| Belgrade | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Berlin | | | | | | | | | | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Butternut Valley, Goshen | | | | | | | | | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Butternut Valley, Salem | | 10.00 | | | | | | 30.00 | 40.00 | 195.00 | 235.00 |
| Chain Lake Centre | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Edgerton | 5.00 | 5.00 | | | | | | | 10.00 | 70 00 | 80 00 |
| Fairmont | | 32.00 | | | | | | | 32.00 | 314.63 | 346.63 |
| Freeborn | 2.56 | 12 50 | 1.75 | 1.50 | | | | | 18.31 | 465.63 | 483.94 |
| Freedom | | 13.30 | | | | | | | 13.30 | | |
| Hartland | | 14.00 | | | | | | | 14.00 | 175.00 | 189.00 |
| Lu Verne and Clinton | 5.00 | 4.38 | | | | 2.00 | | | 11.38 | 2 5.00 | 86.38 |
| Mankato | 12.38 | 50.90 | 6.20 | 19.36 | | | 3.11 | 2.59 | 94.54 | 05 0.00 | 1,294.54 |
| Mapleton, East | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McPherson | 1.00 | 9.45 | | | | 2.10 | | | 12.55 | 150.00 | 162.55 |
| Mountain Lake | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Providence | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sherburne | | 8.50 | | | | | | | 8.50 | 397.70 | 406.20 |
| South Bend | | | | | | | | | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Sterling | 10.00 | 28.14 | | | | 2.25 | | | 40.39 | 300.00 | 340.39 |
| Waseca | 30.00 | 66.00 | 27.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | 9.68 | 3.00 | 25.00 | 175.68 | 2,328.00 | 2,503.68 |
| Westford | | 1.00 | | | | | | | 1.00 | 310.00 | 311.00 |
| Worthington | | 24.93 | | 15.14 | | 5.22 | | 2.73 | 48.02 | 1,119.59 | 1,167.61 |
| | $65.94 | $261.10 | $34.95 | $46.00 | $5.00 | $22[illegible] | $6.11 | $30.32 | $479.67 | $6,917.55 | $7,471.92 |

## MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st, 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISED | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Appleton | 1879 | 10 | 16 | R. W. Jamison | 1881 | .. | 7 | 12 | 19 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 25 |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | C. A. Ruddock | 1880 | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | 7 | .... | 5 | 5 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | Geo. W. Sargent | 1880 | .... | 20 | 27 | 47 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 60 | 50 | 110 | .... |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | C. A. Ruddock | 1880 | .... | 14 | 15 | 29 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | | .... | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 20 |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | | .... | .... | 2 | 10 | 12 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 25 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | | .. | .... | 11 | 15 | 26 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 30 |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. L. Fonda | 1873 | .... | 16 | 27 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | .... | .. | .... | 2 | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Ortonville | 1879 | 9 | 7 | A. Hadden | 1880 | ... | 9 | 13 | 22 | 4 | .... | 12 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | 40 | 100 | 15 |
| | | | | | | | 91 | 135 | 226 | 32 | 6 | 27 | 33 | ... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | 375 | 90 | 465 | 115 |

CHURCHES NOT REPORTING—(Last year's report inserted) Havelock, Lac qui Parle, Montevideo.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. J. L. Fonda, Morris; Arch. Hadden, C. A. Ruddock. REGISTRAR—Rev. J L. Fonda, Morris.

## MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H.M.S. | C.P.S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appleton | $..... | $10.00 | $.... | $. ... | $..... | $..... | $.... | $..... | $ 10.00 | $ 400.00 | $ 410.00 |
| Benson | 3.33 | 11.69 | ..... | 3.96 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18.98 | 325.00 | 343.98 |
| Granite Falls | 5.00 | 13.00 | ... ..... | 2.15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8.50 | 28.65 | 990.00 | 1,018.65 |
| Hancock | ... ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Havelock | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lac qui Parle | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montevideo | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Morris | 4.25 | 18.00 | 4.25 | 4.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.00 | 45 50 | 1,000 00 | 1,045 50 |
| Ortonville | ..... | 9.00 | ..... | 3.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11.00 | 23.50 | 600.00 | 623.50 |
| | $12.58 | $61.69 | $4.25 | $13.61 | .. ..... | ..... | ..... | $34.50 | $126.38 | $3,315.00 | $3,441.38 |

# NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st, 1881 | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISED | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Male. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Audubon | 1872 | 10 | 10 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 7 | 11 | 18 | 11 | .... | 4 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 30 | .... | 30 | 10 |
| Bluffton | 1880 | 11 | 19 | J. Kidder | 1880 | 1880 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 13 |
| Brainerd | 1872 | 8 | 12 | R. A. Beard | 1879 | 1879 | 31 | 41 | 72 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 14 | .... | 15 | .... | 5 | 110 | 30 | 140 | 39 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | J. O. Emerson | 1880 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .... | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 20 |
| Crookston | 1879 | 12 | 21 | S. H. Barteau | 1879 | .... | 18 | 27 | 45 | 6 | .... | 7 | 7 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 150 | .... | 150 | .... |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 11 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 4 | 6 | 10 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | C. C. Salter | 1881 | .... | 37 | 44 | 81 | 29 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | .... | 3 | 168 | .... | 168 | .... |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 3 | 3 | W. L. Sutherland | 1881 | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 70 | .... | 70 | 15 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | M. K. Pasco | 1881 | 1881 | 27 | 27 | 54 | 10 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 7 | .... | 7 | .... | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | 24 |
| Hanley | 1873 | 8 | 4 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 10 | 13 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 14 |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Lake View | 1879 | 2 | 5 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 10 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 50 | 75 | 9 |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Peak | 1873 | 8 | 10 | L. Kribs | 1873 | .... | 12 | 12 | 24 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 5 | .... | 40 | 40 | 12 |
| Perham | 1879 | 9 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 27 | .... | 27 | .... |
| Rendsville | 1881 | .... | .... | S. F. Porter | 1880 | .... | 5 | 5 | 10 | .... | .... | 10 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | 47 | 77 | .... |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | Geo. Johnson | 1877 | .. | 8 | 18 | 26 | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 175 | .... | 175 | .... |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 18 | S. M. Bronson (Meth.) | 1881 | .... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 6 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| Verndale | 1880 | 12 | 3 | J. Kidder | 1880 | 1880 | 1 | 3 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | 20 | 10 |
| Wadena | 1880 | 12 | 2 | J. Kidder | 1880 | 1880 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 4 | .... | 5 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .. | 20 | 20 | 12 |
| St. Vincent | 1881 | 5 | 17 | Wm. Ewing | 1881 | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | .... | .... | 11 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| | | | | | | | 208 | 298 | 506 | 93 | 14 | 67 | 81 | 8 | 31 | 1 | 40 | 6 | 18 | 995 | 207 | 1202 | 214 |

NEW CHURCHES—Bluffton, Rendsville, St. Vincent, Verndale, Wadena. CHURCH NOT REPORTING—(Last year's report inserted) Maine.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. R. A. Beard, Brainerd; C. C. Salter, S. H. Barteau. REGISTRAR—Thos. W. Dunlap, Audubon.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H. M. S | C. P. S | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $..... | $ 9.30 | $1.50 | $3.00 | $..... | $..... | $.... | $ 3.38 | $17.18 | $ 277.82 | $ 295.00 |
| Bluffton | ..... | 4.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.25 | 144.45 | 148.70 |
| Brainerd | ..... | 33 94 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33.94 | 1,800.00 | 1,833.94 |
| Breckinridge | ..... | 15.81 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.66 | ..... | ..... | 17.47 | 200.26 | 217.73 |
| Crookston | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 25.00 | 500.00 | 525.00 |
| Detroit | ..... | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.00 | 210.00 | 216.00 |
| Duluth | 5.63 | 11.29 | 5.64 | 5.64 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.46 | 33.66 | 677 78 | 711.44 |
| Fergus Falls | 1.00 | 2.33 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 13.33 | 55.00 | 68 33 |
| Glyndon | ..... | 7.42 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8.68 | ..... | ..... | 16.10 | 850.00 | 866.10 |
| Hawley | 8.50 | 18.40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26.90 | 277.80 | 304.70 |
| Lake Park | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lake View | ..... | 3.48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.48 | 200.00 | 203.48 |
| Maine | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Muskoda | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Park | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Perham | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rendsville | ..... | 3.68 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.68 | 111.00 | 114.68 |
| Scambler | ..... | 13.67 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13.67 | ..... | 13.67 |
| St. Olaf | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 300.00 | 310.00 |
| St. Vincent | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Verndale | ..... | 1.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.25 | 202.75 | 204 00 |
| Wadena | ..... | 4 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 30 | 208.30 | 212.60 |
| | $15.13 | $150.12 | $6.14 | $8.64 | ..... | $20 34 | ..... | $28.84 | $230.21 | $6,032.16 | $6,262.37 |

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st, 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISED | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1874 | 1875 | 79 | 146 | 225 | 30 | 23 | 8 | 31 | 1 | 7 | .... | 8 | 11 | 1 | 230 | 140 | 370 | 85 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | Jos. S. Rounce | 1878 | .... | 7 | 10 | 17 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 56 | 43 | 99 | .... |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | ..... | ..... | ... | 6 | 9 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 | 12 | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | .... |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | .... | A. H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 13 | 19 | 32 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | 1 | 60 | .... | 60 | 20 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 22 | ..... | ..... | ... | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 30 |
| Dodge Centre | 1858 | 6 | 6 | A. H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 12 | 17 | 29 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 80 | 30 | 110 | 25 |
| Faribault | 1856 | 7 | 8 | Edmund Gale | 1881 | .... | 81 | 138 | 219 | 50 | .... | 6 | 6 | 4 | 8 | .... | 12 | .. | .... | 180 | .... | 180 | .... |
| Gilbert | 1860 | 5 | 18 | ..... | ..... | ... | 6 | 16 | 22 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 1 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .. |
| Grand Meadow | 1877 | 4 | 11 | ..... | ..... | ... | 1 | 3 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 12 | Dennis Goodsell | 1881 | .... | 34 | 42 | 76 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 135 | .... | 135 | 50 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 9 | Jos. S. Rounce | 1878 | .... | 4 | 8 | 12 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | .... |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Wm. Gill | 1875 | .... | 20 | 41 | 61 | 9 | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | 4 | .... | 6 | 1 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | 40 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | Daniel Staver | 1880 | .... | 25 | 41 | 66 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 14 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 5 | .... | 75 | 40 | 115 | .... |
| Morristown | 1878 | 5 | 5 | C. Willard Bird | 1880 | .... | 7 | 12 | 19 | 3 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | .... | 65 | 20 | 85 | 12 |
| Nevada | 1868 | 5 | 17 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | .... | 3 | 2 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | ..... | ..... | ... | 145 | 185 | 330 | 19 | 3 | 18 | 21 | 1 | 15 | .... | 16 | .... | 7 | 200 | .... | 200 | 80 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 23 | J. Newton Brown | 1881 | .... | 66 | 110 | 176 | 27 | 14 | 6 | 20 | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | 8 | .... | 225 | .. | 225 | 60 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | .... | 6 | 17 | 23 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 13 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | 15 |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | ..... | .. | ... | 53 | 80 | 133 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 | .. | 130 | .... | 130 | 70 |
| Waterville | 1879 | 3 | 27 | ..... | .... | .... | 6 | 9 | 15 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 |
| | | | | | | | 577 | 910 | 1487 | 217 | 68 | 54 | 122 | 17 | 63 | 16 | 96 | 38 | 19 | 1711 | 273 | 1984 | 545 |

DROPPED—Albert Lea.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. C. E. Wright, Edmund Gale, J. B. Fairbank. REGISTRAR—Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Spring Valley.

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H.M.S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church. Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austin | $201.42 | $142 12 | $ 50.70 | $ 20.29 | $..... | $..... | $.... | $..... | $ 377.73 | $ 1,700.00 | $2,077.73 |
| Brownsdale | ..... | 17.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20.00 | 37.50 | 350.00 | 387.50 |
| Cannon City | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 100.00 | 110.00 |
| Claremont | 2.31 | 11 28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13.59 | 400.00 | 413.59 |
| Dexter | ..... | 2.20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.20 | 222.00 | 224.20 |
| Dodge Centre | 1.94 | 11.74 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13.68 | 400.00 | 413.68 |
| Faribault | 123.15 | 194.46 | 53.51 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36.21 | 407 33 | 2,820.64 | 3,227.97 |
| Gilbert | ..... | 13 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13.00 | ..... | 13.00 |
| Grand Meadow | 1.00 | 3.08 | 50 | 50 | 1.50 | ..... | 50 | ..... | 7.08 | 254.00 | 261.08 |
| Hamilton | 5.00 | 11.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26.00 | 215.00 | 241.00 |
| Lansing | ..... | 2.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.00 | 17.50 | 125 00 | 142.50 |
| Mantorville | 10.00 | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 83.00 | 113.00 | 615.97 | 728.97 |
| Medford | ..... | 39.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33.68 | 72.68 | 836 80 | 909.48 |
| Morristown | ..... | 7.00 | ..... | 3.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.25 | 477.65 | 487.90 |
| Nevada | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Northfield | 116.83 | 157.45 | 111.03 | 53.78 | 14.34 | 45.00 | 7.18 | 318.15 | 823.76 | 1,708.07 | 2,531.83 |
| Owatonna | 150.42 | 74.46 | 13.81 | 8.87 | 3.32 | 79.37 | 3.27 | 33.00 | 332.52 | 1,429.87 | 1,762.39 |
| Rose Creek | ..... | 13.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 00 | 400.00 | 413.00 |
| Spring Valley | 32.40 | 41.45 | 21.85 | 13.00 | 5.20 | 10.25 | 3.15 | 10.00 | 137 30 | 850.00 | 987.30 |
| Waterville | ..... | 7.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7.50 | 145.00 | 152.50 |
| | $562.47 | $680 74 | $256.40 | $104.69 | $24.36 | $134 62 | $14.10 | $549.04 | $2,297.62 | $13,000.00 | $15,297.62 |

# WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS August 31st 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISED | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession | Letter | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Amiret | 1878 | 7 | 17 | | | | 3 | 7 | 10 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clifton | 1879 | 9 | 24 | | | | 3 | 9 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 35 | |
| Custer | 1875 | 1 | 20 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | | 19 | 17 | 36 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 6 | 1 | 7 | | 6 | 45 | | 45 | 25 |
| Eden | 1881 | 4 | 17 | V. E. Loba | 1881 | | 12 | 5 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 60 | | 60 | 40 |
| Lake Benton | 1880 | 7 | 9 | Wm. Wilson | 1879 | | 5 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | 75 | 50 | 125 | 36 |
| Lake Stay | 1880 | 5 | 16 | A. J. Drake | 1880 | | 3 | 4 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 30 | | 30 | 5 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 20 | Geo. Holden | 1879 | 1880 | 20 | 22 | 42 | 6 | | | | | 4 | | 4 | | | 40 | 38 | 78 | 20 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 10 | 6 | John B. Fairbank | 1881 | | 20 | 55 | 75 | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 90 | | 90 | 70 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1873 | 5 | 25 | Wm. A. Lyman | 1880 | | 15 | 17 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 30 | 72 | |
| Springfield | 1876 | 6 | 18 | | | | 10 | 11 | 21 | 9 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 50 | | 50 | |
| Stanley | 1876 | 5 | 16 | | | | 5 | 8 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | | 30 | 15 |
| Tracy | 1875 | 4 | 4 | | | | 5 | 5 | 10 | | | | | | 3 | | 3 | | 1 | 30 | 70 | 100 | |
| Tyler | 1875 | 5 | 16 | A. J. Drake | 1880 | | 3 | 5 | 8 | | 1 | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | | | 20 | | 20 | 6 |
| Walnut Grove | 1874 | 8 | 23 | H. C. Simmons | 1879 | | 22 | 30 | 52 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 1 | | 75 | 20 | 95 | 50 |
| | | | | | | | 145 | 201 | 346 | 52 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 25 | 4 | 31 | 3 | 12 | 662 | 188 | 850 | 267 |

NEW CHURCH—Eden. NOT REPORTING—Amiret. Springfield was formerly Burns.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. H. C. Simmons, Walnut Grove; W. A. Lyman, Wm. Wilson. REGISTRAR—Rev. H. C. Simmons, Walnut Grove.

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| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H.M.S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amiret | $..... | $ .... | $... ,.. | $..... | $..... | $..... | $.... | $..... | $..... | $..... | $..... |
| Clifton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Custer | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | .... .... | ..... | ..... | 17 00 | 330.00 | 347.00 |
| Eden | ..... | 3.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.00 | 103.00 | 106.00 |
| Lake Benton | ..... ..... | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 1,200.00 | 1,210.00 |
| Lake Stay | ..... | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... . | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 130.00 | 132 00 |
| Lamberton | ..... | 17.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19.00 | ..... | 5.00 | 41.25 | 286 00 | 327.00 |
| Marshall | 16.00 | 17.63 | ..... | 5.33 | ..... | 12.00 | ..... | 16 75 | 67.71 | 1,243.70 | 1,311.41 |
| Sleepy Eye | 5.65 | 25.30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.94 | ..... | ..... | 37.89 | 426.35 | 464.24 |
| Springfield | ..... | 6.25 | ... ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.25 | 152 57 | 158.82 |
| Stanley | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 65.00 | 65 00 |
| Tracy | ..... | 13.25 | ..... | 3.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16.25 | 830.00 | 846.25 |
| Tyler | ..... | 4.00 | .... .... | ..... | ... ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | 240 00 | 244.00 |
| Walnut Grove | 4 79 | 21.00 | ..... | 3.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | 33.79 | 871.65 | 905.44 |
| | $26 44 | $134.68 | ..... | $13.33 | ..... .... | $37.94 | $.... | $26.75 | $239.14 | $5,938.27 | $6,177.16 |

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISED | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 26 | Chas. A. Conant | 1879 | .... | 40 | 61 | 101 | 2 | 26 | 6 | 32 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 4 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 35 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 8 | 28 | Chas. A. Conant | 1878 | .... | 17 | 19 | 36 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | 16 |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 3 | . | .... | .... | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Granger | 1878 | 11 | 17 | ..... | ..... | .... | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| High Forest | 1860 | 4 | 21 | E. P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 14 | 27 | 41 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 13 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | Perrin B. Fisk | 1877 | 1878 | 40 | 78 | 118 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 13 | .... | 15 | 140 | .... | 140 | 90 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | ..... | ..... | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 12 |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 5 | 19 | H. K. Painter | 1879 | 1880 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 75 | 20 | 95 | .... |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | Geo. E. Freeman | 1880 | .... | 53 | 90 | 143 | 20 | .... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | .... | 10 | .... | 6 | 193 | .... | 193 | .... |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | 8 | 13 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 3 | J. W. Bradshaw | 1879 | 1880 | 52 | 104 | 156 | 28 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 11 | .... | 13 | 3 | 1 | 130 | .... | 130 | .... |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | Wm. W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 20 | 34 | 54 | 11 | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | .... | 1 | 70 | 20 | 90 | 20 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 25 | ..... | ..... | .... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 26 | H. B. Tuttle | 1879 | .... | 26 | 69 | 95 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 7 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 60 |
| Stewartville | 1880 | 3 | 24 | E. P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 10 | 12 | 22 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 12 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 2 | 14 | J. W. Ray | 1878 | .... | 32 | 60 | 92 | 32 | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | 1 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 90 | .... | 90 | .... |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | John H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | 79 | 182 | 261 | 30 | .... | 13 | 13 | 1 | 7 | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | 525 | .... | 525 | .... |
| Witoka | 1880 | 5 | 20 | ..... | ..... | .... | 3 | 15 | 18 | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | .... |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | C. H. Rogers | 1879 | .... | 66 | 107 | 173 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 3 | .. | 4 | 2 | 4 | 300 | 60 | 360 | .... |
| | | | | | | | 490 | 943 | 1433 | 206 | 58 | 43 | 101 | 14 | 53 | 6 | 73 | 29 | 36 | 1988 | 100 | 2088 | 258 |

CHURCHES NOT REPORTING—(Last year's report inserted) Quincy, Saratoga.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Revs. J. H. Morley, Winona; J. W. Bradshaw. REGISTRAR—Rev. H. B. Tuttle, St. Charles.

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Dpt. A.H.M.S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | $ 5.00 | 15.00 | $..... | $ 10.00 | $..... | $..... | $..... | $..... | $ 30.00 | $ 830 94 | $ 860.94 |
| Douglass | | 6.00 | | 2.00 | | | | | 8.00 | 200.00 | 208.00 |
| Elgin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Granger | | 12.00 | | | | | | | 12.00 | | |
| High Forest | | 18.00 | | | | | | | 18.00 | 460.00 | 478.00 |
| Lake City | 23.05 | 172.10 | 20.00 | 5.00 | | 12.15 | 6.90 | 17.12 | 256.32 | 10,300 00 | 10,5'6 32 |
| Lenora | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 5.00 | 15.00 | 20.00 |
| Mazeppa | 5.00 | 25.00 | | 9.00 | | 5.00 | | | 44.00 | 1,098.20 | 1,142.20 |
| Plainview | 15.00 | 22.00 | 32.00 | 15.00 | | 7.50 | | 12.00 | 103.30 | 950.10 | 1,053.80 |
| Quiney | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 57.50 | 71.00 | 50.00 | 10.00 | | | | 20.75 | 178.75 | 1,950.00 | 2,128.75 |
| Rushford | 12.00 | 35.55 | 4.00 | | | 6.21 | | | 54.56 | 672.76 | 727.32 |
| Saratoga | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Charles | 6.91 | 10 91 | 6.98 | 4.57 | | | | | 29.37 | 1,086.53 | 1,115.90 |
| Stewartville | | 10.75 | | | | | | | 10.75 | 410 75 | 421.50 |
| Wabasha | 11.73 | 11.32 | 9.50 | 7.25 | 2.50 | | 4.50 | 15.00 | 61.80 | 700.0 | 761.80 |
| Winona | 251.00 | 350 00 | 75.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 22.36 | 10.00 | 159.37 | 926.38 | 18,178.83 | 19,107.21 |
| Witoka | | 2.98 | | | | | | | 2.98 | 650.00 | 652.98 |
| Zumbrota | 105.00 | 88.09 | 32.20 | 26.54 | | | 23.47 | 16.20 | 291.41 | 1,500.00 | 1,791.41 |
| | $492.19 | $843.91 | $229.68 | $129.86 | $22 50 | $53.22 | $44 87 | $240.44 | $2,022.02 | $39,103.01 | $41,036.13 |

# SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CONFERENCES. | CHURCHES. | | | | | MINISTERS. | | | | | CHURCH MEMB'S Aug. 31, 1881. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISED | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiates and others. | Vacant. | Total. | Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Without Charge. | Licentiates and others. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Professions. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Anoka | 5 | 18 | 2 | 13 | 38 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 35 | 863 | 1549 | 2410 | 2 8 | 122 | 159 | 281 | 19 | 78 | 7 | 104 | 76 | 30 | 2817 | 980 | 3797 | 608 |
| Mankato | 4 | 13 | | 5 | 23 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 273 | 374 | 647 | 126 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 3 | 20 | 1 | 34 | 8 | 5 | 870 | 195 | 1065 | 329 |
| Minnesota Valley | ... | 6 | | 3 | 9 | ... | 5 | 1 | | 6 | 99 | 135 | 226 | 32 | 6 | 27 | 33 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 575 | 90 | 665 | 116 |
| Northern Pacific | 5 | 14 | | 2 | 21 | 3 | 10 | ... | 1 | 14 | 208 | 298 | 506 | 93 | 14 | 67 | 81 | 8 | 31 | 1 | 40 | 6 | 8 | 995 | 207 | 1202 | 214 |
| Owatonna | 1 | 13 | | 6 | 20 | 1 | 10 | 15 | | 26 | 577 | 910 | 1487 | 217 | 68 | 54 | 122 | 17 | 63 | 16 | 96 | 38 | 19 | 1771 | 273 | 1984 | 545 |
| Western | 1 | 7 | | 6 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 2 | .. | 9 | 145 | 201 | 346 | 52 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 25 | 4 | 31 | 3 | 12 | 692 | 188 | 880 | 267 |
| Winona | 4 | 9 | | 6 | 19 | 4 | 7 | 3 | . | 14 | 490 | 943 | 1433 | 206 | 58 | 43 | 101 | 14 | 53 | 6 | 73 | 29 | 36 | 1988 | 100 | 2088 | 258 |
| Total | 20 | 80 | | 41 | 145 | 17 | 59 | 37 | 4 | 117 | 2645 | 4410 | 7055 | 944 | 291 | 391 | 682 | 63 | 283 | 35 | 381 | 161 | 123 | 9418 | 2033 | 11451 | 2336 |
| Gain | .... | 4 | .... | 7 | 5 | ... | 14 | 8 | .... | 14 | ... | 116 | 115 | 12 | .. | .... | .... | 5 | 14 | .... | 14 | .... | 7 | .... | .... | ..... | 226 |
| Loss | 2 | .... | 5 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 83 | 44 | 227 | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 95 | .. | 351 | 96 | 447 | .... |

MINISTERS DIED.—Rev. Cassius M. Terry, Rev. David Burt.

# SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CONFERENCES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A.M.A. | A. C. U. | Col. & Education Soc. | S. S. Dep't A. H. M. S. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anoka | $ 1,015 60 | $ 2,320 79 | $ 528 07 | $ 369 57 | $ 133 53 | $ 21 80 | $ 30 39 | $ 2,546 58 | $ 6,966 63 | $ 26,757 01 | $ 33,753 34 |
| Mankato | 65 94 | 261 10 | 34 15 | 46 00 | 5 00 | 21 25 | 6 11 | 30 32 | 479 67 | 6,917 55 | 7,397 22 |
| Minnesota Valley | 12 58 | 61 69 | 4 25 | 13 61 | ..... | ..... | .... | 34 50 | 126 38 | 3,315 00 | 3,441 38 |
| Northern Pacific | 15 13 | 156 12 | 6 14 | 8 64 | ..... | 20 34 | ..... | 28 84 | 230 21 | 6,032 16 | 6,262 37 |
| Owatonna | 562 47 | 690 74 | 256 40 | 164 69 | 24 36 | 134 62 | 14 10 | 549 04 | 2,297 62 | 13,000 00 | 15,297 62 |
| Western | 26 44 | 134 68 | ..... | 13 33 | ..... | 37 94 | ..... | 26 75 | 239 14 | 5,938 27 | 6,177 41 |
| Winona | 492 19 | 843 91 | 229 68 | 129 86 | 22 50 | 53 22 | 44 87 | 240 44 | 2,022 62 | 39,103 01 | 41,125 63 |
| | $ 2,220 35 | $ 4,453 03 | $1,059 49 | $ 685 70 | $ 185 39 | $ 280 17 | $ 95 47 | $ 3,456 47 | $12,391 97 | $101,063 00 | $ 113,454 97 |
| Gain | ..... | $ 588 05 | ..... | ..... | $ .84 | $ 44 19 | $ 15 14 | ..... | ..... | $ 10,661 02 | $ 7,002 80 |
| Loss | $ 128 75 | ..... | $ 244 19 | $ 126 46 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 3,677 35 | $ 3,581 23 | ..... | ..... |

**NOTE.—This table does not include any figures for the non-reporting churches.**

**Please notify the Statistical Secretary should there be mistakes in the permanent items of the tables. Ministers and church officers please keep a record of all items in such shape that they can be promptly reported to the Registrars of the Local Conferences. They conform to and are required by the National Statistics.**

GEO. A. HOOD, Minneapolis.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1881.

| NAMES. | ORDAIN'D. Ye. Mo. Da. | PRESENT RELATION. | P. O. ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Archibald, W. E. | Licentiate. | A. P. | Cottage Grove | |
| Armstrong, Robert S. | 1856, 4, 13. | P | Alma City | Mankato |
| Barnes, Jeremiah R. | 1838, | W. C | Owatonna | Owatonna |
| Barteau, Sidney H. | 1850, 2, 19. | A. P. | Crookston | Northern Pacific |
| Beard, Reuben A. | 1879, 9, 10. | P | Brainerd | Northern Pacific |
| Bird, Chas. Willard | 1880, 5, 26. | A. P. | Morristown | Owatonna |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851, 11, 4. | W. C | Rochester | Chicago |
| Bradshaw, John W. | 1874, 10, 29. | P | Rochester. | Winona |
| Brown, J. Newton | 1876, 10, 23. | A. P. | Owatonna | Marshall, Mich. |
| Champlin, Oliver P. | 1870, 7, 10. | A. P | Clearwater. | Western |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846, 5, 22. | A. P | Glencoe | Anoka |
| Chaney, Lucien West | 1852, 12, 29. | A. P. | Waseca | Mankato |
| Chapin, Nathan C. | 1851, 11, 2. | W. C | Rochester | Anoka |
| Cobb, Levi Henry | 1857, 10, 28. | Sec. A. H. M. S. | Denver, Col. | Anoka |
| Conant, Chas. A. | 1864, 7, 3. | A. P. | Cannon Falls | Winona |
| Corwin, Chas. L. | 1881, 7, 10. | A. P. | Hudson, Wis. | St. Croix Valley |
| Cory, Isaac L. | 1879, 9, 16. | P | Sauk Centre | Anoka |
| Crane, Edward P. | 1864, 10, 6. | A. P. | High Forest | Winona |
| Dana, M. McG., D. D. | 1863, 4, 19. | P | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Drake, Andrew J. | 1845, 8, 6. | A. P | Tyler | Western |
| Elmer, Hiram | 1844, 7, 9. | W. C | Winona | Winona |
| Emerson, James O | 1880, 12, 28. | A. P. | Breckenridge | Northern Pacific |
| Ewing, William | | A. P. | St. Vincent | |
| Fairbank, John Barnard | 1860, 10, 24. | A. P. | Spring Valley | Owatonna |
| Fay, Prescott | 1857, 2, 27. | W. C | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Fisk, Perrin B. | 863, 10, 1. | P | Lake City | Winona |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 876, 6, 13. | P | Freeborn | Mankato |
| Fonda, Jesse L. | 1873, 8, 16. | P. elect | Morris | Minnesota Valley. |
| Forbes, Washington H. | 1881, 7, 27. | A. P. | Princeton | |
| Freeman, Geo. E. | 1858, 10, 6. | A. P. | Plainview | Winona |
| Freeman, Joseph A. | 1875, 6, 30. | A. P. | Mankato | Central, Hartford |
| Gale, Edmund | 1856, 12, 24. | A. P. | Faribault | Owatonna |
| Gill, William | 1863, 5, 26. | A. P. | Mantorville | Owatonna |
| Goodsell, Dennis | 1877, 10, 2. | A. P. | Hamilton | Owatonna |
| Graves, Alpheus | 841, 11, 11. | A. P. | Big Rock, Ill. | Owatonna |
| Hadden, Archibald | 880, 12, 15. | A. P. | Ortonville, | Minnesota Valley. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850, 8, 8. | W. C. | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Hart, Edwin J. | 1856, 1, 2. | W. C | Cottage Grove | St. Croix Valley |
| Hart, Hastings Hornell | 1881, 2, 2. | P | Worthington. | Mankato |
| Henderson, David | 1874, 12, 10. | | | Anoka |
| Holden, George. | 1880, 9, 14. | P | La Berton | Western |
| Hood George A. | 1869, 9, 30. | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878, 12, 12. | A. P. | Little Falls | Anoka |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846 | W. C | Sterling | Mankato |
| Huntington, Geo. Prof. | 864, 5, 18. | Carleton Col. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Hurd, Alva A. | 1872, 3, 21. | A. P. | Monticello | Windham, Conn. |
| James, William A | 867 | W. C | Minneapolis | Marshall, Mich. |
| Jamison, Robert Watts. | 881, 6, 2. | A. P. | Appleton | Minnesota Valley. |
| Jenkins, William M. | 865, 9, 17. | A. P. | Elk River | Anoka |
| Johnson, George. | 872, 11, 13. | A. P. | Bangor | Northern Pacific |
| Kidder, Josiah | 882, 12, 2. | P. | Wadena | Northern Pacific |
| Kinney, Thomas C. | 875, 6, 28. | W. C. | Little Falls | Anoka |
| Kribs, Ludwig | 843, 1, 5. | A. P. | Hawley | Northern Pacific |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 843, 2, 24. | W. C | Glenwood | Anoka |
| Leonard, Delevan L. | 863, 6, 8. | Supt. A. H. M. S. | Salt Lake City | Owatonna |
| Loba, Victor Eugene | 879, 6, 13. | A. P. | Lone Tree L'ke | Western |
| Loring, Levi | 862, 7, 9. | W. C | Minneapolis | St. Croix Valley |
| Lyman, William A | 876, 10, 18. | P. elect | Sleepy Eye | Western |
| Matthews, Caleb W. | 851, 10, | A. P. | Lu Verne | Madison, Wis. |
| McNamara, John E. | 881, 6, | A. P. | Ro'k Rapids, Ia | Sioux City, Iowa |
| Merrill, Elijah W. | 864, 4, 5. | W. C | Spring Valley | Owatonna |
| Montgomery, Andrew | 865, 9, | W. C | Minneapolis | Windham, Conn. |
| Montgomery, Marcus W. | 878, 10, 11. | Supt. A. H. M. S. | Minneapolis | Eastern Kansas |
| Morehouse, D. Allen | 865, 6, 18. | A. P. | Foxcraft, Me. | Owatonna |
| Morley, John A. | 867, 1, 2. | P. | Winona | Winona |
| Morse, Alfred | 847, 6, 7. | W. C. | Austin | Owatonna |

## MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1881—CONTINUED.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Ye. Da. Mo. | PRESENT RELATION. | P. O. ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moses, Leonard H | 1876, 11, 24. | A. P | Rose Creek | Owatonna |
| Murch, A. Allerton | Licentiate. | A. P | Fairmont | New Haven, West |
| Northcote, Theodore C | 1875. | | Elgin, Ill | Owatonna |
| Norton, William W | 1858, 10, | A. P | N'wRichm'nd, | St. Croix Valley |
| Nutting, George B | 1851, 8, 21. | W. C | Hancock..(Wis | Minnesota Valley. |
| Pasco, Martin K | 1869. | P | Glyndon | Marietta, Ohio |
| Painter, Hobart K | 1880, 1, 8. | P | Mazeppa | Winona |
| Pearson, Arthur H. Prof. | 1880, 7, 7. | Carleton Col | Northfield | |
| Peregrine, Philip | 1861, 3, 10. | A. P | Tracy | Western |
| Perkins, Sidney Kingman | 1880, 7, 20. | A. P | Sherburne | Mankato |
| Pierce, Nathaniel H | 1860, 3, 15. | W. C | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Pike Alpheus J | 1869, 3, 9. | W. C | Sauk Centre | Anoka |
| Porter, Samuel F | 1856, 8, 4. | A. P | Campbell | Northern Pacific. |
| Powell, William | 1863, 4, 13. | A. P | Courtland | Southern Ohio |
| Ray, John W | 1857, 1, | A. P | Lake City | Winona |
| Renshaw, James Budden. | 1879, 9, 30. | P | Hutchinson | Anoka |
| Rogers, Chas. Henry | 1877, 7, 11. | A. P | Zumbrota | Winona |
| Rogers, Samuel James | 1862, 8, 6. | W. C | Marshall | Western |
| Roe, A. D | 1867, 2, 5. | W. C | Stillwater | St. Croix Valley |
| Rounce, Joseph Samuel | 1852, 2, | A. P | Brownsdale | |
| Ruddock, Charles A | 1861, 5, 21. | A. P | Benson | Oneida, New York. |
| Salter, Charles C | 1859, 4, 11. | A. P | Duluth | Northern Pacific. |
| Sargent, George W | 1859, 12, 16. | A. P | Granite Falls. | Minnesota Valley. |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842, 3, 24. | W. C | Zumbrota | Owatonna |
| Sheldon, Charles B | 1851, 10, 17. | A. P | Excelsior | Anoka |
| Sherwin, Abner T | 1878, 12, 19. | A. P | WinnebagoAy | Mankato |
| Stuart, Benjamin F | Lic. | A. P | Minneapolis | Cleveland Presb'y. |
| Simmons, Henry C | 1872, 5, 8. | A. P | Walnut Grove | Western |
| Simpson, Adam | 1876, 8, 1. | W. C | Chain LakeCtr | Mankato |
| Skiles, James H | 1881, 4, 6. | W. C | Grand Me'dow | |
| Smith, Oscar M | 1863, 2, 25. | A. P | Hawley | Northern Pacific. |
| Snell Wm. Ward | 1859, 10, 10. | A. P | Rushford | Winona |
| Starr, Otis A | 1871, 4, 6. | W. C | Montevideo | Western |
| Staver, Daniel | 1875, 2, 19. | A. P | Medford | Owatonna |
| Stearns, J. C. D | 1843, 5, 10. | W. C | Zumbrota | Winona |
| Stevens, Moody A | 1862, 12, 9. | A. P | Anoka | Norfolk, Mass |
| Stickney, Ed. Huntington | 1881, 7, 5. | A. P | Detroit | Northern Pacific. |
| Strong, Jas. W., D.D., Prest | 1862, 9, 28. | Carleton Col | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Strong, John C | 1846, 11, 16. | W. C | Chain LakeCtr | Owatonna |
| Sutherland, William L | 1880, 12, 15. | A. P | Fergus Falls. | Nort..ern Pacific. |
| Tebbets, Arthur H | 1874, 1, 1. | A. P | Dodge Centre. | Owatonna |
| Tuttle, Harmon B | 1874, 1, 2. | A. P | St. Charles | Winona |
| Walcott, Frank N | 1877, 12, 6. | A. P | Wayzata | Anoka |
| Weld, William M | 1872, 5, 14. | W. C | Currie | Winona |
| Willey, Austin | 1859, 5, 18. | W. C | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Williams, Edward Moore | 1859, 2, 27. | W. C | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Williams, Edwin Sidney | 1861, 6, 10. | P | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Williston, Martin L. Prof. | 1870, 3, 31. | Carleton Col | Northfield | Western New York |
| Wilson William | 1871, 3, 20. | A. P | Lake Benton | Western |
| Wright, Cassius E | 1871, 2, 3. | P | Austin | Owatonna |
| Zercher, Henry J | 1879, 5, 9. | A. P | Osakis | Northern Pacific. |

## THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.

REV. D. B. COE, D. D., and REV. H. M. STORRS, D. D., Secretaries; REV. A. H. CLAPP, D. D., Treasurer; REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY, Minneapolis, Superintendent for Minnesota.

During the year ending March 31, 1881, this society employed 1,032 missionaries, including those superintending the work. These are distributed in thirty-four States and Territories; 406 of these had charge of single congregations; 377 had two or three congregations each; 249 had still larger fields. Five missionaries labored among colored people; thirteen among the Welsh; nine among Germans; three among the French; one among the Swedes. Number in Sunday Schools, 99,898. Fif·y-nine missionaries report revivals of religion. Converts reported, 2,464; 5,922 have been added to the churches—2,962 on profession of faith, and 2,000 by letters of other churches; 131 churches were organized; sixty-seven assumed self support. sixty-seven houses of worship were completed; 132 repaired or improved; twenty-six others commenced. Forty-two young men in the missionary churches preparing for the ministry. Receipts, $290,958.72.

Thirty dollars constitutes a life member; one hundred dollars constitutes a director. The Home Missionary is published monthly, at sixty cents a year.

## AM. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. N. G. CLARK, D. D., and REV. E. K. ALDEN, D. D., Secretaries; LANGDON S. WARD, Treasurer; CHARLES HUTCHINS, Business Agent for Missionary Herald.

One hundred dollars constituts an honorary member. Missionary Herald $1.10 a year. Address, as above, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset st., Boston.

The Board has seventeen missions, with twenty-one stations and seventy-three out stations. 159 ordained missionaries, and in all 433 sent from this country. Has, besides, 141 native pastors, 365 native preachers and catechists, and 1,005 native school teachers. Whole number of laborers, 2,131. Churches, 272; church members, 18,446; additions during the year, 2,116. Of training and theological schools and station classes there are fifty-one, with 1,468 pupils; of boarding schools for girls, thirty-six, with 1,420 pupils; and of common schools, 791, with 33,360.

The receipts of the last year were, from donations, $349,424.74; from legacies, $92,268.27. Total receipts, $451,214.10,

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

REV. M. E. STRIEBY, D. D., Secretary, 56 Reade Street. New York City; EDWARD KETCHUM, Esq., Treasurer; REV. JAMES POWELL, District Secretary, 115 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

Thirty dollars makes a life member. The American Missienary (monthly) is 50 cents a year. It has in the South, seventy-three churches. In Africa, 2, among the Indians 1; total, 76, with 5,664 members. It has eight chartered institutions in the South; 12 Normal; and 51 other schools; total, 71. Teachers, missionaries and assistants among the Freedmen, 253; among the Chinese, 21; among the Indians, 9; and in Africa, 13, Total, 306. Students in Theology, 86; in Law, 28; in College, 63; in other studies, 9,843. Total, 10,020. Receipts in donations, 187,480.00. Stone legacy, $150,000. Total, $337,480.

## AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

(Church Building Society.)

REV. W. B. BROWN. D. D., Secretary, No. 59 Bible House, New York city.

N. A. CALKINS, Treasurer, No. 59 Bible House, New York city.

The receipts of this society last year were $43,723.40. Of this amount Minnesota gave $1,100. Forty-eight churches aided, five in Minnesota, viz: Dassel, Freeborn, Mankato, Morris and Osakis. To these five $2,221.00 were granted.

## AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. INCREASE N. TARBOX, D. D., Secretary, 10 Congregational House, Boston; JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston.

## CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

GEORGE P. SMITH, Agent, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston:
REV. A. E. DUNNING, Sunday School Secretary, No. 1, Somerset street, Boston.

# CARLETON COLLEGE,

—AT—

## NORTHFIELD, MINN.

Full Preparatory and Collegiate Courses of study; English, Scientific, Literary, Classical: a Musical Department, Astronomical Observatory, Willis Hall rebuilt, and a new Science Building.

ALE DEPARTMENTS OPEN TO STUDENTS OF EITHER SEX.

### CALENDAR FOR 1882.

Winter Term begins Wednesday, January 4th, and ends March 17th, 1882.
Term Examination, March 16th-17th, 1882.
Spring Term begins Wednesday, March 29th, and ends June 15th, 1882.
Term Examinations, June 12th-14th, 1882.
Examinations to enter College Department, June 9th and 10th, and September 5th, 1882.
Anniversary Exercises, June 11th-15th, 1882.
Fall Term begins Wednesday, September 6th, 1882.

### COURSES OF STUDY.

The *Classical Course* embraces the usual four years of classical study, and requires three years of *preparatory* work. The degree of Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon those who complete it.

The *Literary Course* occupies the same time as the Classical, and differs from it only by substituting literary and scientific studies for Greek. Its graduates will receive the degree of Bachelor of Literature.

The *Scientific Course*, omitting all Greek, and all the Latin subsequent to its freshman year, gives greater prominence to the study of the sciences, and, after two years of preparation, continues four years. Its graduates receive the degrees of Bachelor of Science.

The *English Course*, extending over four years, is arranged for those whose time and means will not allow them to secure a classical education. A certificate is given to those who complete this course.

While students are advised to enter upon some regular course, *they are not required to do this*, but may select from the different courses such branches as are regularly taught; due regard being paid to their present attainments, and the length of time to be spent in study. An Eclectic course, covering a wide range of study, can then be pursued.

An Astronomical Observatory has been fully equipped, and daily time-signals, giving the standard time, are sent to the principal railroads and cities of the state, and to many points beyond the state.

### REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.

#### PREPARATORY AND ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS.

To *commence* the Preparatory Course, or the English Course, only such advancement is necessary as will enable the student to pursue either with profit. *For these no examination is required.* The studies of the first term are: Olney's Science of Arithmetic,, English Grammar, and Latin Grammar and Reader, or United States History.

#### COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

Students from the Preparatory department will not be required to pass examination in studies in which their rank is 85 or over. All other candidates for admission to the Classical Course will be required to pass a written examination in the following branches:

English—Grammar, Physical Geography, United States History, Ancient and Mediæval History.

Mathematics—Arithmetic, Olney's Algebra to Part III, Geometry, six books.

Latin—Harkness's Latin Grammar, Harkness's Latin Composition to Part III; Cæsar, two books; Cicero, six orations; Virgil, five books of the Æneid.

Greek—Greek Grammar, Jones's Greek Prose Composition, twenty sections; Xenophon's Anabasis, three books; Homer's Iliad, two books.

For admission to to the Literary and Scientific Courses, somewhat similar examinations are required; for specific statements of these, and also for full courses of study, references is made to the Annual Catalogue.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

But few specific rules are announced, since all are expected to be exemplary in manners and morals.

Students should enter promptly at the beginning of the term, and remain until its close. Absence during term time is permitted only for urgent reasons. Strict observance of study hours and punctual attendance on all prescribed exercises, are required.

Students regularly attend devotional exercises in the Chapel, and public worship on the Sabbath, at such church as they may designate.

Intemperance, profanity, the use of tobacco in any form, dancing, playing at cards or billiards, and whatsoever hinders the highest mental and moral culture, or violates the courtesy due to fellow students, are prohibited.

Except by special permission, no one is allowed at any time to visit the room of a student of the other sex.

### LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Ladies reside with the lady teachers in a separate building, but both sexes meet in all general exercises, are instructed in the same classes, enjoy the same privileges, and may take the same degrees.

### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Instruction is given upon the Piano Forte and Cabinet Organ; in Chorus Singing Notation and Cultivation of the Voice.

A large, two manual pedal organ offers facilities for the study of pedal playing, choir accompaniment, voluntaries, and the better class of organ music.

### BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The charge of the boarding department and the domestic affairs of the College family at Ladies' Hall is committed to the responsible direction of the Matron, under the general supervision of the Executive Committee. It is, designed so far as possible, to secure for every young lady entering the family, the influences and privileges of a Christian home. All the lady teachers reside there, and board at the same table with the students. It is not proposed to make the boarding hall a source of profit to the College, but to furnish to teachers and students good and acceptable board, at the lowest possible rates.

### OUTFIT.

The rooms in the Ladies' Hall are furnished with stoves, chairs, tables, washstand, bureaus, matresses, and bedsteads.

☞ All other furniture—bed, bedding, lamp, curtains, etc.—must be supplied by the occupants.

### REDUCED RAILROAD FARE.

Arrangements have been made with the leading railroad companies of the State, whereby *enrolled students*, upon certificate of attendance, can secure tickets at reduced rates at offices delgnated by the several companies.

## EXPENSES.

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| Board in College Building, per week (tea and coffee extra) | $2 50 |
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| " " " " Winter and Spring Terms, each | 7 50 |
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| " " " Winter and Spring Terms, each | 5 50 |
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| Incidentals, per term | 1 00 |

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Northfield, Minn.

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*Western Conf.*—Mrs. A. P. Chase, Marshall.
*Winona Conf.*—Mrs. F. A. Poole, Rochester.

# General Congregational Association

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "General Congregational Association of Minnesota."

Art. 2. This General Association shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational churches of Minnesota and vicinity which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor, or Stated Supply, and one delegate, and also of missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of the Association, and ordained ministers, members of any church in this Association, other than Pastor or Stated Supply, and all officers of the Association.

Art. 3. Other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body, and any one formally invited to speak or present a paper before the Association, may be enrolled as honorary members during the session then in progress; and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Association except the right of voting.

Art. 4. All officers of the Association shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

Art. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Association, and also to collect information, and, at each meeting, exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of the Association.

Art. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Association, who shall hold office for three years.

Art. 7. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office for three years.

Art. 8. A Treasurer and Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ART. 9. The object of the General Association shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches embraced in the Conferences, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 10. No ecclesiastial power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Association, or be delegated to it.

ART. 11. The Association shall meet on the second Wednesday in October, at 7 o'clock p. m., to continue until Sabbath evening.

ART. 12. The annual meeting of the association shall be opened by a sermon from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ART. 13. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on Revivals and a Business Committee, each consisting of three persons, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Association shall be introduced through the Business Committee or by special vote.

ART. 14. This Association may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Association shall be admitted as honorary members to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 15. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 16. The Association shall establish its own By-Laws and Regulations subject to alterations at future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Association may be altered at any annual meeting of this body, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## BY-LAWS.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Association, the Recording Secretary, or Pastor of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order. After prayer, a temporary Scribe shall be appointed to assist the Recording Secretary, when the certificates of delegates shall be presented and the names of the members enrolled; after which a Moderator or Scribe (one or more) shall be elected.

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name, and church he represents,

indicating whether he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Association, who shall nominate Committee on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Association shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Association, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of the Association.

7. Every church applying for admission to this Association shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Covenant, and the Association shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13, of the Constitution, shall be elected.

6. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if required, be reduced to writing; and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writing before it is acted on by the Association.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Association, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

12. The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of Councils, whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed, or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

# MINUTES.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota, met with Plymouth Church, St. Paul, Wednesday, October 11, 1882, at 7:30 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., of Minneapolis; text, Matt. 25: 14-15.

The Association was called to order by Dr. M. McG. Dana, pastor of Plymouth Church. Rev. H. K. Painter, of Mazeppa, was elected temporary Scribe, and Revs. E. M. Williams, L. W. Chaney and Perrin B. Fisk were appointed to nominate permanent officers, after which the Association adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by Dr. M. McG. Dana. The roll was made up, which, when completed, was as follows:

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
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| Afton, | C. L. Corwin, | L. I. Olds. |
| Alexandria, | Wm. Gill, | |
| Anoka, | M. A. Stevens, | |
| Appleton, | R. W. Jamison, | Dea. E. Lathrop. |
| Audubon, | E. H. Stickney, | |
| Austin, | C. E. Wright | Hon. Harlan W. Page. |
| Benson, | C. A. Ruddock, | |
| Berlin, | Wilbur Fisk, | |
| Bethel, | | Lewis Bridgeman, |
| Bluffton, | W. H. Forbes, | C. M. Maltby, |
| Brainerd, | R. A. Beard, | Mrs. F. M. Cable. |

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| Claremont, | A. H. Tebbets, | |
| Clear Water, | O. P. Champlin. | Mrs. Samuel Whiting. |
| Cottage Grove. | W. E. Archibald, | Theo. Furber. |
| Dassel, | J. B. Renshaw, | S. W. Maxson. |
| Detroit. | E. H. Stickney, | |
| Dodge Center, | A. H. Tebbets. | |
| Eden. | J. Kidder. | |
| Elk River. | W. M. Jenkins, | E. P. Mills. |
| Excelsior. | Chas. B. Sheldon, | Mrs. Amanda Day. |
| Faribault, | Edmund Gale, | Prof. J. L. Noyes. |
| Fairmont, | J. H. Nason. | Mrs. J. H. Nason. |
| Freeborn. | Wilbur Fisk, | |
| Freedom. | J. S. Rounce. | |
| Glencoe, | J. Bradshaw, | |
| Glyndon. | M. K. Pasco, | Mrs. E. G. Pasco. |
| Granite Falls. | Geo. W. Sargent, | Mrs. G. W. Sargent. |
| Hamilton. | Dennis Goodsell, | Dea. T. P. Mead. |
| Hancock. | C. A. Ruddock. | |
| Hartland, | Wilbur Fisk, | |
| High Forest. | E. P. Crane. | |
| Hutchinson. | J. B. Renshaw. | Mrs. S. A. Smith. |
| Lake Benton. | William Wilson. | |
| Lake City. | J. W. Horner, | Dea. Henry Collins. |
| Lakeland. | C. L. Corwin. | |
| Lake View, | E. H. Stickney, | |
| Mankato. | Albert Warren. | Mrs. A. Warren. |
| Mantorville. | H. Willard. | C. W. Cushman. |
| Marine 1st and 2d, | N. H. Pierce. | Mrs. N. H. Pierce. |
| Marshall, | J. B. Fairbank. | |
| Mazeppa. | H. K. Painter, | |
| McPherson, | J. S. Rounce, | |
| Medford, | C. W. Bird, | Dea. L. R. Barlow. |
| Minneapolis, First. | J. L. Scudder, | Chas. E. Dyer. |
| Minneapolis, Plym | Geo. A. Hood, | W. W. Ellison. |
| Minneapolis, Pluth | R. G. Hutchins, D. D., | S. Keith. |
| Minneapolis, Sec'd | E. S. Williams, | Dea. L. B. Graham. |
| Minnesota Lake. | R. S. Armstrong, | |
| Montrcello. | A. A. Hurd, | Mrs. A. A. Hurd. |
| Morristown. | E. E. Rogers, | Mrs. M. A. Crawford. |
| New Richland. | Wilbur Fisk, | |
| Northfield, | | Andrew Lee. |
| Ottonville. | A. Hadden. | |
| Owatonna. | J. Newton Brown, | Hon. L. L. Wheelock. |

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| Plainview, | Geo. E. Freeman, | R. C. Stillman. |
| Princeton, | U. W. Small, | |
| Rochester, | J. W. Bradshaw, | A. C. Smith. |
| Rose Creek, | L. H. Moses, | |
| Sauk Rapids, | D. Henderson, | Jeremiah Russell. |
| Sauk Center, | Isaac L. Cory, | J. A. Norris. |
| Sherburn, | S. K. Perkins, | |
| Springfield, | J. Kidder, | W. H. Tompkins |
| Spring Valley, | | F. V. Edwards. |
| St. Cloud, | J. H. Chandler, | J. D. Mills. |
| St. Paul, Plym'th, | M. McG. Dana, D. D., | C. W. Hackett. |
| St. Paul, Pacific, | C. A. Conant. | E. Evans. |
| St. Vincent, | Wm. Ewing, | |
| Verndale, | W. H. Forbes, | |
| Wabasha, | C. P. Watson, | Mrs. Dr. Lincoln. |
| Wadena, | W. H. Forbes. | Miss Nettie Shufflemyer. |
| Wahpeton, D. T., | E. D. Curtis, | E. L. Guild. |
| Waseca. | L. W. Chaney, | Dea. E. A. Wood. |
| Waterville | E. E. Rogers, | Mrs. C. W. Merrill. |
| Wayzata, | R. H. Battey, | J. W. Campbell. |
| Winona, | J. H. Morley, | Henry Stevens. |
| Witoka, | H. A. Bushnell, | Mrs. Ira B. Ellison. |
| Worthington. | H. H. Hart. | Mrs. Mary E. Donovan. |
| Zumbrota, | C. H. Rogers, | Miss Adelaide Bigelow |

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Rev. Geo. Huntington, Professor Carleton College.
Rev. A. H. Pearson, Professor Carleton College.
Rev. Perrin B. Fisk, Financial Agent Carleton College.
Rev. Edward M. Williams, Minneapolis.
Rev. Richard Hall, St. Paul.
Rev. A. Fuller, Aintab, Turkey.
Rev. A. Willey, Northfield.
Rev. F. N. Walcott, Financial Missionary, Minneapolis.
Rev. A. C. Lathrop, Glenwood.
Rev. Christian Mowery, New Ulm.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Secretary of Congregational Union.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey. D. D., Western Secretary of A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. Walter M. Barrows, Secretary of A. H. M. S.
Rev. James Powell, District Secretary of A. M. A.
Rev. Robert West, Chicago.
Rev. Robert Nourse, La Crosse, Wis.

Rev. W. K. Marshall, Jackson St. M. E. Church, St. Paul.
Rev. N. C. Chapin, Minneapolis.
Rev. W. S. Bell, Grove Hill, D. T.
Rev. J. W. Williams, Long Lake.
Rev. W. G. Roberts, Hudson, Mich.
Rev. J. B. Silcox, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Rev. John Hinton, Faribault.
Rev. D. E. Todd, Morton, Ill.
Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, New Hampshire.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following, who were elected

PERMANENT OFFICERS.

*Moderator*—Hon. H. W. Page, Austin.
*Assistant Moderator*—Rev. J. H. Morley, Winona.
*Scribe*—Rev. H. H. Hart, Worthington.
*Assistant Scribe*—Rev. H. K. Painter, Mazeppa.
*Statistical Secretary for three years*—Rev. J. B. Fairbank.
*Recording Secretary for three years*—Rev. W. A. James, Minneapolis.
*Treasurer*—Mr. W. J. Dyer, St. Paul.
*Auditor*—Mr. G. G. Sanborn, St. Paul.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator. Revs. E. M. Williams, L. W. Chaney, and Perrin B. Fisk were appointed as a permanent nominating committee.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. J. B. Fairbank, of Marshall. After discussion the report was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. G. A. Hood, O. P. Champlin and Mr. F. V. Edwards.

The report of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society was presentad by Rev. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis. The report was accepted, adopted and referred to the Auditor.

Hon. J.N. Stearns, of New York, Secretary of the National Temperance Society, addressed the Association.

Rev. L. W. Chaney, Corresponding Secretary, presented the report on the state of religion in the self-supporting churches. Accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

A devotional meeting was led by Rev. N. H. Pierce. The Nominating Committee proposed, and the Association elected the following committees:

*On Resolutions*—Rev. C. E. Wright, Hon. L. L. Wheelock, Mr. E. P. Mills.

*On Place and Preacher*—Rev. J. N. Brown, Prof. J. L. Noyes, Rev. J. W. Horner.

*On Admission of New Churches*—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Dea. T. P. Meade, Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

*On Revivals*—Rev. Wm. Gill, Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Rev. R. A. Beard.

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*Committee on "The Pilgrim"*—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. R. S. Cross, Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. W. H. Forbes, Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. F. N. Walcott, Mr. C. W. Hackett.

*Committee to prepare and publish a Manual*—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, chairman; Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Anoka Conf.; Rev. Albert Warren, Mankato Conf.; Rev. A. Hadden, Minn. Valley Conf.; Rev. R. A. Beard, No. Pacific Conf.; Rev. C. E. Wright, Owatonna Conf.; Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Western Conference.; Rev. J. H. Morley, Winona Conf.; Rev. A. A. Hurd, Central Conf.

*On Finance and Printing*—Rev. W. A. James, Mr. Geo. H. Spry, Rev. Geo. A. Hood.

*Business Committee*—Rev. J. N. Brown, Prof. A. H. Pearson, Rev. J. L. Scudder.

*On Systematic Benevolence*—Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall, chairman; Revs. J. B. Renshaw, Wm. Gill, H. H. Hart, A. Hadden, J. N. Brown, C. H. Rogers and M. K. Pasco.

*Committee on Arrangements*—Rev. J. W. Horner, Dea. S. Phenix, Rev. C. P. Watson.

*Committee on Devotional Exercises and Arrangements for the Sabbath*—Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. Wm. Gill, Mr. C. E. Dyer.

*Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society*—For three years, Rev. J. L. Scudder, Mr. G. A. Wheaton; for two years, Rev. C. H. Rogers, vice Rev. C. Salter, resigned.

Recess until 2 p. m.

## THURSDAY P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Perrin B. Fisk.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery presented a paper on the Religious Condition of our Foreign Population. Discussed and referred to committee of three, consisting of Rev. C. B. Sheldon, Rev. Arch Hadden and Dea. Henry Collins.

The following telegram was adopted and ordered sent to the chairman of the Christian Convention at Farwell Hall, Chicago:

"We send you loving greeting in the name of our blessed Master. Ourselves about to consider the work of the Holy Spirit, we unite in prayer for you and with you that the Comforter and Sanctifier may kindle a holy flame in all our hearts and through all our borders, which may save us from the absorbing dangers of worldliness.

HARLAN W. PAGE, Moderator.
State Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota.

Rev. J. H. Morley, Winona, presented a paper on the Attitude of the Denominations toward Current Theological Questions.

The Chicago Advance was requested to publish the paper, in whole or in part, and it was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Fuller, Aintab, Turkey.

An address was delivered by Rev. Robert West, of Chicago, on the Work of the Holy Spirit.

The following telegram was received:

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 12, 1881.

The Minnesota Baptist State Convention at Minneapolis, to the General Congregational Association of Minnesota in session at St. Paul.

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Our congratulation upon the Christian work done by you in the year past, and our earnest prayer for the rich blessing of God upon your labors in the year to come. By order of the Convention.

M. D. SHUTTER, Secretary.

A reply was sent as follows:

To Minnesota Baptist State Convention in session at Minneapolis:

The General Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota return their Christian salutations, and join in earnest prayer for the

blessing of the Great Head of the Church to accompany the work their Baptist brethren are doing in this State. Phil. 1: 9-11.

HARLAN W. PAGE, Moderator.

Recess until 7:30 p. m.

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

The work of the Benevolent Societies was presented as follows:

American Congregational Union, by Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Secretary.

American Home Missionary Society, by Rev. Walter M. Barrows, Secretary.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by Rev. A. Fuller, Aintab, Turkey, and Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., of Chicago.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

The Committee appointed to consider the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, reported as follows:

The Committee, in reporting the state of our Beneficences, has done us, to wit, of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Minnesota, in which we rejoice, and desire that as we have begun so we may finish in this grace also, so that even those churches in deep poverty may abound unto the riches of their liberality until as a state we not merely come up to, but exceed the average of our churches in the denomination. Therefore, as we have begun, so let us finish in this grace also. To this end we recommend the Association to adopt all suggestions and especially to put into vigorous practice the part of the report providing for a member of the Beneficence Committee in each conference; and we farther desire that special fellowship meetings be held for the education of church members in the use of this spiritual grace.

Adopted.

The Treasurer's report was presented, accepted and referred to the Auditor.

The following telegram was received:

To Moderator of Congregational Association, Plymouth Church:

Association of Colorado sends greetings, Jeremiah 33:13 (first two lines) and 14.

J. B. GREGG,
DANIEL STAVER,
For Association.

A response was sent as follows:

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, St. Paul, Oct. 13, 1882.

To the Congregational Association of Colorado, Colorado Springs:

The Congregational Association of Minnesota return their Christian salutation. Deuteronomy, first chapter and twenty-first verse; and Philipians, fourth chapter and nineteenth verse.

HARLAN W. PAGE, Moderator.

Prof. J. L. Noyes, of the State Institution for the Imbecile and Deaf and Dumb, presented a statement of the work of that institution.

Recess until 2 p. m.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Austin Willey read a paper on Marriage and Divorce. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

The committee on Place and Preacher recommended that Rev. M. Mevi. Dana be the preacher, and that Prof. Geo. Huntington be the Alternate. Adopted.

The motion by which the Association decided to hold its next meeting at Owatonna was reconsidered, and it was voted to hold the next meeting at Lake City.

The committee to whom was referred the paper on the Religious Condition of our Foreign Population, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

We heartily endorse the sentiments of that paper as to the importance of this portion of our population, and the duty of our ministers and churches to evince toward them a warm, Christian interest and sympathy. We recommend that pastors and church members seek the acquaintance of these people, and invite them into our congregations and Sabbath-schools, and give them a share in our work.

As to the Germans: we recommend that wherever they are found in

sufficient numbers we send a missionary among them, who can hold religious services in both German and English, and circulate among them evangelical German literature, and organize Congregational churches.

As to the Scandinavians: that wherever they are sufficiently numerous, Sabbath-schools be organized among them, to be conducted in English; and that as a denomination we send official representatives to their synods, both to assure them of our interest and fellowship, and that we may thus better know them ourselves and have a warm and intelligent interest in their progress.

C. B. SHELDON,
A. HADDEN,
H. COLLINS.

Rev. Robert Nourse addressed the Association in behalf of the Congregational Publishing Society.

A resolution to request the Congregational Publishing Society to appoint an S. S. Missionary for Minnesota, was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

Recess until 7.30 p. m.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

Secretary James Powell, of Chicago, presented the work of the American Missionary Association among the Freedmen.

Miss Collins, of Fort Sully, Dakota, described the Indian work.

Five minute speeches were made by the following Home Missionaries: Rev. C. Mowery, of New Ulm; Rev. Arch Hadden, of Ortonville; Rev. H. A. Bushnell, of Witoka, and Rev. William Ewing, of Pembina.

Miss Margaret J. Evans, preceptress of Carleton College, spoke on "Our Girls."

Recess until 9 a. m. Saturday.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee to visit Carleton College was presented and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank was appointed as chairman of Committee on Systematic Beneficence. A committee was appointed, consisting of the State Superintendent and one member from each conference, and instructed to prepare and publish a State Manual of our Congregational Churches.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following Sunday appointments:

Plymouth—A. M.—Rev. J. H. Morley, of Winona. 3.00 p. m. Communion—Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., and Rev. P. B. Fisk officiating. Evening—Fellowship meeting.

Pacific—A. M.—Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Plainview.

Dayton avenue—A. M.—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin. P. M.—E. M. Williams, Minneapolis.

Jackson Street M. E.—A. M. Rev. H. H. Hart, Worthington. P. M. Rev. C. H. Rogers, Zumbrota.

Central Presbyterian.—A. M. Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall.

First Congregational, Minneapolis,—A. M. Rev. J. H. Nason, Fairmont. P. M. Rev. J. W. Horner, Lake City.

The Committee on Installation submitted their report.

The report was accepted and referred to the committee on Printing, with instruction to print the recommendations in the minutes.

The report of Carleton College was presented by Pres. J. W. Strong. Accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following minute was adopted by a rising vote:

The Association recognizing the continued and signal prosperity which has attended our beloved college, desires again to record our devout acknowledgment of the Divine goodness, to assure the Faculty and students of our steadfast support and interest, and to express our convictions that the needs of the State, the history of the past, and the promises of the present, call us to renewed efforts to place the college on the broadest and firmest foundations.

Mr. Dow, Superintendent of the State Institution of the Blind, addressed the Association.

Recess until 2 P. M.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, which was adopted.

Beleiving, as hitherto, that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest enemies of morality, religion, and the material prosperity of our country,

*Resolved*, That we, as an Association, do heartily approve of the efforts now being made to secure an amendment to the Constitution of the State for the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages; and that we are ready to support all wise plans for the accomplishment of this object.

Prof. Geo. Huntington, of Northfield, read a paper on the question: Do We Need Professional Evangelists? Accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery made a statement of the management of The Pilgrim. The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, 1, That we rejoice in the successof The Pilgrim, and recognize in it, as now conducted, a helper in all branches of our work, which cannot be spared.

2, That a committee of nine be appointed, of which Rev. M. W. Montgomery shall be Chairman, to continue its publication make such improvements as they may be able, and take such measures as will make it self-supporting in the near future.

3, That as pastors and churches we will do what we can to increase the circulation of this excellent paper.

Rev. W. K. Marshall, delegate from the M. E. Conference, presented the greetings of that body. Response by Rev. J. H. Morley.

Rev. J. L. Scudder read a paper on Sabbath observance.

The Committee on Reception of Churches, recommended the reception of the Church at New Richland as a member of this Association.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that a committee of three be appointed to consider the propriety of altering the time prescribed for the annual meeting of the Association, so as to convene earlier in the week and adjourn before the Sabbath.

Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D., Prof. Geo. Huntington, and Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D., were appointed said committee.

Article 3 of the Constitution was amended so as to make the first clause read as follows:

"Other ordained ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body, and any one formally invited to speak or present a paper before the Association, may be enrolled as honorary members.

Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D., was appointed to represent this body in the M. E. Conference next year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the Business Committee of this body to avoid crowding the programme too full of formal papers, to the exclusion of opportunity to discuss the same; and that they carefully study to arrange time and place for the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Societies as may be accordant with the preferences of the officers of the latter; and that such reports as are of vital importance to our churches and personal interests, to-wit: such an one as that relative to Carleton College, be placed in the programme so as to bring them before the fullest sessions of the General Association.

*Resolved*, That the Comittee on Printing be requested to condense, as much as possible, the matter which shall appear in the Minutes of this Association, and to omit whatever may with equal advantage appear in The Pilgrim, especially the proceedings of local Conferences.

Recess until 7:30 P. M.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

The Association was led in prayer by Rev. E. M. Williams.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Whereas*, The evils mentioned in the paper to which we have listened on Marriage and Divorce, are wide-spread and alarming, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to obtain further information as to the facts, especially within the bounds of this Association, and to correspond with other religious bodies to secure their co-operation in an effort to create a proper public sentiment upon the subject, and to secure needed legislation.

Rev. N. C. Chapin, Rev. Geo. W. Sargent, and Judge W. D. Burr, were appointed said committee.

A committee, consisting of Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D., Ex-

Gov. J. S. Pillsbury and Mr. D. C. Bell, was appointed to co-operate with similar committees of other religious bodies to secure the exemption of parsonages from taxation.

Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Winnipeg, addressed the Association.

The Sunday School Committee reported by Chairman, Rev. Perrin B. Fisk. The report was accepted, and the following resolutions embodied in the report were adopted.

*Resolved*, 1, That we will heartily welcome and co-operate with a State Sunday School Secretary to be appointed by our Congregational Publishing Society, and earnestly request his early appointment.

2, That we advise our workers to apply at once to him to commence normal work with them. "First come, first served."

3, That we will give a decided preference to the literature of our Publishing Society, and to this end ask for a depository in our midst.

4, That we will more earnestly attend to the spiritual wants of the children, seeking to use *prevention*, when, too long we have been using only *cure* for sin.

Addresses on Sunday School work were delivered by Revs. J. H. Morley, E. P. Crane, J. W. Horner, and C. E. Wright.

Adjourned to Sunday P. M.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock the Lord's Supper was observed, being administered by Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., of Chicago, and Rev. Perrin B. Fisk, of Northfield.

## SUNDAY EVENING.

At 6:30 o'clock a Consecration meeting was led by Rev E. S. Williams.

At the opening of the Association at 7:30 o'clock, prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Gill. Coronation was sung by the Congregation. A season of silent prayer was followed by prayer by Rev. L. W. Chaney. Addresses were made by Rev. L. W. Chaney, of Waseca; Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Winnipeg;

Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, of Rochester, and Rev. Dr. Humphrey, of Chicago.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Plymouth church and the good people of St. Paul for their very generous and whole-souled hospitality.

Also, *Resolved*, That our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the Railway Companies which have so generously reduced their rates for the benefit of the members of this Association.

The Association adjourned to meet at Lake City on the second Tuesday of October, 1883.

HASTINGS H. HART, Scribe.

HARLAN W. PAGE, Moderator.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA,
In account with CHARLES A. J. MARSH, Treasurer.

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| Cr. | | | |
| By amount on hand Oct. 13, 1881 | | | $122 76 |
| Collected from the churches dues of last year, | $10 65 | | |
| Coming from Conference Registrars | 154 95 | | 165 60 |
| From advertising in Minutes by I. C. Seeley | | | 127 00 |
| Dr. | | | |
| To amount paid Association expenses last year | $16 50 | | |
| Rev. G. A. Hood, Secretary | $14 40 | | |
| Johnson, Smith & Harrison, printing Minutes | 157 00 | | |
| Rev. G. A. Hood, distributing the Minutes | 13 91 | | |
| For postage | 42 | | |
| In hand | 213 13 | | $415 36 |

CHAS. A. J. MARSH, Treas.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 11, 1882.

# WIDOWS' AMD ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called "The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society."

ART. 2. It shall be the sole object of this society to procure, take care of and disburse a fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel or *indigent ministers and their families*, who, in either case, have complied with the terms of Art. 10 and 11.

ART. 3. The members of the General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, for any year, shall for that year constitute the members of this society.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of six Trustees, at least three of whom shall be clergymen, to be chosen, two each year, to serve for three years, at the annual meeting of the General Association of our churches, from its members, in the manner preferred at the time of election.

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after their election, by choosing from their number a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called at any time and place, to transact any business which can not be transacted by correspondence with each other; and they shall hold an annual meeting to examine accounts, records, reports, etc., at some time during the session of the Annual Association of our churches and previously to the report of the officers of the same.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties, in a sum equal, in the judgment of the Trustees, to the amount of funds to be intrusted to his care during his term of office.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Trustees, and to correspond if thought necessary with the parties applying for aid; of the Secretary to keep the records of the so-

ciety, to preserve on file all its papers, to submit the same when desired to the Trustees for examination, and to read before each Annual Association of our churches the records of the past year.

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, shall invest the funds of the society, and if loans are made to individuals, take ample security in unencumbered farming lands. He shall also make disbursements to beneficiaries, at the written order of the Trustees, signed by the President and Secretary, and present a written report annually to the General Association, in which a full account shall be given of all receipts, investments and disbursments for the time covered by such report.

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant aid only to persons described in Article 2, and recommended to them by at least two ministers of the gospel or other reliable persons; and the appropriation shall not exceed the income for the year. The amount liable to be appropriated in any year shall be placed on deposit, and at the end of six months the proper appropriation shall be made to all applicants received during that time; and then the sum which remains unappropriated shall be permanently invested; and so of the amount remaining after the appropriation of the next six months.

ART. 11. Any Evangelical minister of the gospel, with his family, shall be eligible to aid from the Society after commencing to pay into its treasury annually not less than one dollar, and pledging himself to increase its funds by securing, if possible, legacies and donations in real estate or money. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the names of all persons complying with this rule, and an opportunity for making this contribution shall be given at every annual meeting of our Association. Those not present at the meeting shall forward their contributions to the Treasurer within three months, or forfeit their membership unless excused by him for the neglect.

ART. 12. The General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, in case of the dissolution of this society, shall own and dispose of its funds, and shall have power to make any alterations in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; *Provided*, that such alterations shall have been proposed in writing and admitted for consideration by a majority vote.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

In account with EDWIN SIDNEY WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

| 1881. | DR. |
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| Collected at Rochester Conference | $ 50 00 |
| Oct. 17, Check Rev. J. W. Bradshaw (Sunday collection) | 17 00 |
| Draft D. L. Leonard, Treasurer | 947 23 |
| P. O. order | 26 25 |
| E. M. Williams | 1 00 |
| 1882. | |
| May 8, Interest on mortgage of Francis Neal | 40 00 |
| | $1081 88 |
| 1881. | CR. |
| Oct. 26, Paid to Mrs. L. W. B. | $ 40 80 |
| Nov. 8, Mortgage of Francis Neal | 1000 00 |
| Dec. 22, Express on box to Mrs. L. W. B | 1 00 |
| 1882. | |
| Aug. 27, Interest deposited in Henn. Co. Bank | 40 00 |
| | $1081 80 |

ASSETS.

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| Mortgage of Francis Neal | $1000 00 |
| Deposit in Hennepin Co. Savings' Bank | 40 00 |
| | $1040 00 |

The above account examined and found correct.

G. G. SANBORN, Auditor.

# MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Association, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the society.

ART. 3. The object of this society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society, in diffusing the gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching; and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall be chosen annually by the local conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the local conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of home missions,

shall also make written report to the society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one class shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Association, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; together with the chairmen of the conference committees, shall nominate, in case of vacancy, the superintendents to the parent society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds to the directors for an amount not exceeding $3,000, to be fixed by them; shall receive all money coming into the society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent society. He shall also make an annual report to the society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent society as coming directly to the treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies up to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of the officers of the society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended, by the Board of Directors.

# MINUTES

## OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Minnesota Home Missionary Society was called to order by the President, Rev. J.W. Strong, D. D., at Plymouth church, St. Paul, Oct. 13, 1882, at 10:30 a. m.

The Scribes, Auditor, and Nominating Committee of the General Association were elected to fill the same offices for this society.

The following officers were elected for three years:

*President*—James W. Strong, D. D.

*Treasurer*—Rev. M. W. Montgomery.

*Directors*—Rev. G. A. Hood, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., and Mr. C. W. Hackett.

LOCAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Anoka Conference—E. S. Williams, J. L. Scudder, J. B. Renshaw.

Mankato Conference—L. W. Chaney, H. H. Hart, Wilbur Fisk.

Minnesota Valley Conference—J. L. Fonda, Geo. W. Sargent, C. A. Ruddock.

Northern Pacific Conference - R. A. Beard, S. H. Barteau, J. W. Hargrave.

Owatonna Conference—C. E. Wright, E. Gale, J. N. Brown.

Western Conference—J. B. Fairbank, W. A. Lyman, Wm. Wilson.

Winona Conference—J. H. Morley, J. W. Bradshaw, C. H. Rogers.

Central Conference—J. Chandler, I. L. Cory, D. Henderson.

Supt. M. W. Montgomery presented his report for the year.

Dr. M. McG. Dana offered the following resolutions:

In view of the urgency of the work of evangelizing our country, and the immense pressure for men and means, because of the rapid growth through immigration of the Commonwealth of the Mississippi Valley and the New West and Southwest, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Minnesota State Home Missionary Society, an Annual Home Missionary Convention should be held under the auspices of the National Society in order to diffuse informa-

tion, arouse popular enthusiasm and make the necessity of pressing at once this home work felt by all our churches, east and west.

2. *Resolved*, That we believe the time is ripe for a new departure in this work, for an immediate enlargement of the field force, for the working up through home missionary societies of all interest and support that can only be secured through their aid.

3. *Resolved*, That the call for men to occupy these multiplying fields is a call to the heroism of the Christian students in all our theological seminaries, and indicates the duty of the church to pray as never before that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into his harvest.

The report and the resolutions were refered to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. R. Hall, Rev. Walter M. Barrows, and Deacon Andrew Lee, and were subsequently adopted on recommendation of the committee.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery presented his report as Treasurer of the Society. Adopted and referred to the committee on printing.

The Recording Secretary was directed to incorporate in the Minutes the names of the various conference committees.

The Minutes of the Society were referred to the Association committee on printing.

After prayer by Prof. George Huntington, adjourned sine die.

HASTINGS H. HART, Scribe.
JAS. W. STRONG, President.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

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| Cash on hand as per report last year | $ 6 88 |
| Received from Oct. 1st, 1881, to Oct. 11, 1882, inclusive | 3,955 40 |
| Total receipts | $3,962 23 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Refunded to Mrs. M. J. Hackett on account of over remittances | $ 10 00 |
| Cash paid to Rev. L. H. Cobb for A. H. M. Soc'y | 30 00 |
| Remitted to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer American Home Missionary Society, New York | 3,922 23 |
| Total disbursements | $3,962 23 |

M. W. MONTGOMERY,
Treasurer Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 20, 1882.

Examined above account from Oct. 1, 1881, to Oct. 11, 1882, and found as above, total funds, $3,962.23, and vouchers for same amount paid out. All correct.

CHAS. A. J. MARSH Auditor.

# Annual Report

OF

## REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY,

## Superintendent of Home Missions for Minnesota and North Dakota.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have held eleven monthly meetings during this year. These sessions usually occupy an entire afternoon with close application to the business features of our missionary work in all its details. Several of its members reside at a distance and their attendance requires more time and some expense, but all services are rendered gratuitously. I wish to bear witness to the regularity of their attendance, their impartial judgments, unwearied faithfulness, and to acknowledge our large indebtedness to their counsels.

During the past year, the missionary field under our care has been Minnesota and North Dakota.

NORTH DAKOTA

is a little larger than the State of Minnesota, and the two together are more than four times the area of the State of Ohio.

One year ago only three Congregational churches had been organized, viz: at Mandan, Wahpeton, and Valley City; and only four missionaries resided on that field, viz: Revs. Hall at Wahpeton, Wm. Ewing at Pembina, David Wirt at Valley City, and O. C. Clark at Fargo. At the present time there are eleven Congregational churches in that district and nine missionaries. Churches have been organized as follows: At Fargo with a present membership of 40; at Pembina 6, Mayville 5, Larimore 8, Sanborn 9, Hope 30, Harwood 8, Oriska, 17, Grand Forks 15. The marvelously rapid development of that territory required more personal attention to the work than it was possible for me to give, and the N. Y. Society was asked for an assistant; and Rev. H. C. Simmons of Walnut Grove, Minn., was appointed General Missionary for North Dakota. He entered upon his work on June 1, and has since prosecuted it with commendable energy. The missionaries now on that

field are A. J. Pike at Mandan, David Wirt at Cleveland; R. R. Davis at Valley City; J. W. Donaldson at Sanborn; O. C. Clark and H. C. Simmons at Fargo; A. M. Morrison at Grand Forks; Wm. Ewing at Pembina; E. D. Curtis at Wahpeton; and J. A. Norris at Hope. Four theological students have labored very acceptably in that field during the summer, viz: A. L. Gillette from Hartford Seminary at Walcott, Colfax and Kindred, D. T., and at McCauleyville, Minn., S. A. Martin from Chicago Seminary at Harwood; N. H. Blackmer from Chicago Seminary at various points, and Chas. S. Nash from Hartford Seminary at Hope.

The church at Mandan enjoys the pre-eminence of having been the first Congregational church organized in North Dakota, Aug. 29, 1880, by Rev. Henry Willard. The church at Wahpeton was the next to organize, April 22, 1881, by Rev. J. O. Emerson, and has been the first to dedicate a church building, and will be the first to have a parsonage; since, under the energetic leadership of Rev. E. D. Curtis, its parsonage will soon be ready to occupy. A chapel at Mandan has been dedicated and one is ready for dedication at Sanborn; and at four places church buildings are being erected; at Fargo, Valley City, Hope and Mayville. Six more missionaries are needed at once to occupy important points.

### THE WORK IN MINNESOTA.

The number of Congregational churches in Minnesota is 152; and the number of self-supporting Congregational churches is 29.

(Some of these are self-supporting only by being yoked with others.) The number of missionary Congregational churches is 123; 21 of these churches have had no missionary service during any part of the past year, although several of them have often and most earnestly asked that a minister might be sent them. The lack of missionary funds and the remarkable scarcity of men, owing to the calls from the territories on our West, are some of the reasons why there could be no response to these appeals. In some of these places other religious denominations have partially supplied the needs.

### MISSIONARY SERVICE.

The whole number of our missionaries who have preached the gospel all or part of the year in Minnesota is 74; being 4 more than last year; and the number now at work is 53, an increase of 2 during the year. 102 churches have had missionary service during all or part of the year, and at 60 out stations the story of the Cross has been told. The whole number of preaching points has been 162. Four missionaries have labored in fields where we have no church organization.

### SERMONS.

Our missionaries have preached 5,367 sermons. J. Kidder, of Spring-

field, has preached 97 times; A. Hadden, of Ortonville, 98 times, and G. W. Sargent, of Granite Falls, 103 times. 26 missionaries report having preached an average of more than 2 sermons each week, viz:

H. H. Hart.....110
M. S. Hall, Pelican Rapids.....115
W. A. Lyman, of Sleepy Eye, and Wm. Powell, of Courtland, each..116
Wilbur Fisk, of Freeborn, David Henderson, of Sauk Rapids, N. H. Pierce, of Marine, each.....120
W. H. Forbes, of Wadena,.....122
R. A. Beard, of Brainerd,.....124
A. H. Tebbetts, of Dodge Center, E. H. Stickney, of Detroit, each.....125
Wm. Ewing, of Pembina,.....130
R. W. Jamison, of Appleton,.....132
Philip Peregrine, of Tracy,.....140
E. P. Crane, of High Forest,.....142

Two missionaries report having preached an average of more than three times each week, viz:

O. P. Champlin, of Clear Water,.....158
J. S. Hull, of Little Falls,.....165

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Our missionaries have attended 2,440 prayer meetings. 27 pastors report having attended each 50 or more of these meetings during the year. Those who have attended an average of more than one each week are:

J. L. Fonda, of Morris, A. H. Tebbetts, of Dodge Center, each.....54
Wm. Powell, Courtland.....55
O. P. Champlin, of Clear Water, A. A. Hurd, of Monticello, J. B. Renshaw, of Hutchinson, each.....60
Philip Peregrine, of Tracy,.....65
E. H. Stickney, of Detroit,.....70
W. H. Forbes, of Wadena,.....72
N. H. Pierce, of Marine Mills,.....74
J. S. Hull, of Little Falls,.....80
Dennis Goodsell, Hamilton,.....82
M. S. Hall, of Pelican Rapids,.....85
R. W. Jamison, of Appleton,.....96

Two missionaries report having attended an average of two prayer meetings per week for the whole year, viz:

Wm. Ewing, of Pembina, and Daniel Staver, of Medford, each...104

About 150 marriage ceremonies have been performed, and about 250 funeral services conducted. One missionary reports attending 39 funeral services, nearly one-seventh of the whole number.

REVIVALS.

Ten missionaries report that there has been some revival interest in their churches, but we have not been blessed with a general outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all our churches and pastors which is so much needed. Twenty-six missionaries express a desire for the aid of a suitable evangelist this season, and six say they do not wish this help.

ADDITIONS TO CHURCHES.

In the additions to church membership a decided advance has been made. There have been 449 additions, against 222 last year, and of these 175 were received on profession, while the number last year was 98. The largest increase in one church is reported by Rev. M. S. Hall, at Pelican Rapids, where a new church was organized. Rev. R. A. Beard, of Brainerd, reports 27 additions, and the young pastor at Fergus Falls, Rev. H. N. Kinney, reports 22; and Rev. W. H. Forbes, of Wadena, reports 21 additions to the three churches on his field. Three missionaries have each received 17 new members, Messrs. Ewing, of Pembina, Henderson at Sauk Rapids, and Hurd of Monticello. Rev. Wilbur Fisk received 14 additions to the churches under his care, 13 of whom were on profession of their faith, and David Henderson, of Sauk Rapids, also reports 13 members received on profession.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Twenty eight new schools were organized. Some improvement has been made in the quality of Sunday School supplies in use. That literature which is characterized by its coarse paper, poor type, and disfiguring cuts, is giving way to the publications of our own Publishing Society, with their large clear type, fine paper, beautiful illustrations, and inherent moral worth. In answer to the question: "Do you purchase your Sunday School supplies from the Congregational Publishing Society," 21 missionaries reply that they do not; 25 that they get all or part from that Society.

Attention is called to the late action of the Mass. State Association in which it is recommended that Sunday School Superintendents be made, by virtue of their office, members of the local Conferences.

THE STUDENTS

who have preached in Minnesota during the past summer are:

Rev. H. W. Hunt, of Yale Seminary, at Aitkin.

Rev. D. M. Lewis, of Yale Seminary, at Brownton, Sumter, Preston Lake, Stewart, and Buffalo City.

Rev. J. L. McCollum, of Yale Seminary, at Lake Stay, Tyler, Shaokatan, and School House No. 34.

Rev. M. J. P. Thing, at St. Vincent.

### NEW MEN IN MINNESOTA.

The following brethren have been welcomed to our Missionary work during the year:

Rev. M. S. Hall, Pelican Rapids, from Wahpeton, D. T.

Rev. Henry N. Kinney, Fergus Falls, from last class at Andover Seminary.

Rev. Joseph H. Chandler, St. Cloud, from last class at Andover Seminary.

Rev. Uriah W. Small, Princeton, from Sterling, Illinois.

Rev. Richard H. Battey, Wayzata, comes to us from the Friends Society at Hesper, Iowa.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Vine Church, Minneapolis, from Menasha, Wisconsin.

Rev. Charles P. Watson, Wabasha, from Sheldon, Vermont.

Rev. Henry A. Bushnell, Witoka, from last class at Union Seminary.

Rev. Christian Mowery, New Ulm, from Coolville, Ohio.

Rev. Albert Warren, Mankato, from last class at Yale Seminary.

Rev. O. O. Rundell, Mapleton and Sterling, comes to us from the ministry in the United Brethren Church.

Rev. John H. Nason, Fairmont, from Morrisville, New York.

Rev. John Bradshaw, Glencoe, from Chicago.

Rev. John A. Wells, Ada, from New York.

Rev. E. E. Rogers, Waterville and Morristown, from Orange, Conn.

### ORDINATIONS.

The following Missionaries were ordained during the past year. Revs. H. A. Bushnell, R. H. Battey, Albert Warren, and B. F. Shuart. The latter went to Montana.

### MARRIAGES.

Three of our Missionaries have married during the year, viz: William Ewing, R. H. Battey, and R. W. Jamison. Of the 53 now under commission, 10 are unmarried.

### NEW CHURCHES.

Last year we reported eight new churches; this year ten young vines of the Kingdom of Christ on the earth are brought into the vineyard, as follows:

Pacific Church, St. Paul, Jan. 24, 1882, by Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.; membership 24.

Vine Church, Minneapolis, Feb. 9, 1882, by Rev. E. S. Williams; membership 10.

Mentor, Polk county, by Rev. S. H. Barteau; membership 12.

West Union, Todd county, April 12, 1882, by Rev. Isaac L. Cory; membership 12.

Minnesota Lake, Faribault county, April 30, 1882, by Rev. R. S. Armstrong; membership 8.

Green Prairie, Morrison county, by Rev. J. S. Hull; membership 6.

Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county, May 18, 1882, by Rev. M. S. Hall; membership 14.

New Richland, Waseca county, July 27, 1882, by Rev. Wilbur Fisk; membership 5.

Ada, Norman county, Aug. 10, 1882, by Rev. John A. Wells; membership 9.

Mapleton Station, Blue Earth county, Oct. 1, 1882, by Rev. O. O. Rundell; membership 12.

### AID TO CHURCHES.

Five fields have received $485 more aid than last year, owing to enlargement of the work, or to some special burden upon the churches.

Fourteen fields received each the same aid as last year.

Sixteen fields receive less aid to the total of $1,250 than they did one year ago.

Earnest testimony is gladly borne to the general fidelity of the missionaries to the Home Missionary Society, in making and seeking liberal contributions to its funds, and in self-sacrificing, heroic desire that their churches shall call for as little help as possible.

### ACHIEVED SELF-SUPPORT.

Six Missionary churches have come to self-support during the year. This roll of honor is as follows: St. Cloud, Rev. J. H. Chandler; Medford, Rev. D. Staver; Morris, Rev. J. L. Fonda; Hamilton, Rev. Dennis Goodsell; Brainerd, Rev. R. A. Beard; Hawley, Rev. O. M. Smith.

These churches thus release $1,125 for new work in more needy communities.

### REPAIRS.

Seventeen church-buildings have been repaired at a total cost of $2,347.

### CHURCH BUILDINGS.

One year ago we were lamenting the large number of homeless churches, and while the number is still sadly large, yet decided progress has been made. Ten houses of worship have been erected in Minnesota in missionary fields during this season, at a total cost of $27,000. This includes that at Appleton, which was an old school-house made over, costing only about $500. The cheapest of the new churches is $1,200. Most of them cost from $1,500 to $2,000. The Pacific church costs about $7,000, and that at Brainerd $10,000. These new

buildings are at Sleepy Eye, Lake Benton, Appleton, Waterville, New Richland; Vine church, Minneapolis; Pacific church, St. Paul; Brainerd, Breckenridge, and Wadena.

Seven more churches have secured subscriptions for buildings, being those at Sherburn, Mapleton, New Ulm, Montevideo, Pelican Rapids, Crookston, and St. Vincent. Some of these will be begun this autumn, others not until spring. Three are delayed by defective titles to their sites. The total result of the year's work will be to secure 17 new church buildings in our missionary fields, and our pastors report that there is specially urgent need for houses of worship in 19 other fields.

### PLANS FOR CHURCH BUILDINGS.

This church-building work has been facilitated by the preparation of plans and specifications for a variety of inexpensive churches. The architects have made duplicates of these plans by a chemical process, and we have been able to furnish them to churches at less than one-half the usual cost. It seems very strange that the Congregational Union Society has not years ago furnished to our Missionary churches a pamphlet of designs, estimates and specifications for houses of worship. Such a work, if properly prepared, would stimulate church building, economize funds, avoid many sad blunders in construction, and furnish more tasteful and convenient edifices.

### PARSONAGES.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that a good beginning has been made toward securing parsonages in all our missionary fields. Seven homes for the minister, at a cost of $5,700, have been erected or purchased during this year; just double the entire number which there were before. This good work has been aided by the interest which Secretary Cobb has taken in this subject; and the loans which his treasury have been able to make.

### A NEW FINANCIAL METHOD.

A few months of acquaintance with our missionary fields led me to the strong conviction that some improved financial method was one of their chief needs. In some churches all financial matters drag; the pledges for pastor's support are long delayed, or very inefficiently secured, or slow in being collected; and these results come not so much from want of ability or disposition among the people to do their part, as from lack of efficient financial leadership. The pastor's personal interest in these matters naturally prevents his taking an active part.

In some fields where there are no houses of worship, the community is both able and willing to build if the question was vigorously presented to them, and the work of building entrusted to competent business men.

It seemed to me that this work needed some one who should give his entire time to financial work among our weaker churches. The matter was presented to the Directors of the Minn. H. M. Society, and received their cordial endorsement. Rev. F. N. Walcott, then a missionary at Wazata, who had shown special fitness for such work, was selected to make the experiment, if the Lord should open the way for his support. The work began in prayer and faith. Three individuals, Rev. E. M. Williams, Hon. E. S. Jones, and H. B. Beard, Esq., pledged each $125 toward his support, making $375 with which to test the matter. The abundant success which has attended this new work during the seven months since it was begun is cause for gratitude to Him who has opened the way before it. Mr. Walcott has circulated the subscription for pastor's salary at Rushford, Mankato, Winnebago Agency, Janesville, Appleton and Lac qui Parle, and on these fields has saved to the Home Missionary Society several hundred dollars. At Granite Falls he secured pledges sufficient to remove an indebtedness of over $500; at Mankato pledges were received which will liquidate the larger part of the small debt there. At Glencoe, Ortonvile, and Morristown he raised subscriptions which have already secured to each of those fields good parsonages.

He has raised subscriptions for houses of worship at Waterville, Wadena, Crookston, St. Vincent, Pembina (D. T.), Pelican Rapids, Montevideo (not completed), Mapleton, and Sherburn.

The net result thus far is, two church debts nearly provided for, five pastor's salaries secured, three parsonages, and subscriptions for nine houses of worship, making a total subscription of over $16,000. It is a safe estimate that at least $10,000 of this amount would not have been raised but for this special work.

### INCREASING GENEROSITY.

One feature of our work this year is full of encouragement, and that is the growing disposition among our laymen to sustain it by liberal gifts.

One man gives $125 toward Brother Walcott's salary; $200 to sustain one home missionary, and $700 to build a missionary parsonage; total $1,025. Another man gives $125 for Walcott's salary; $700 to sustain two missionaries; $300 for a parsonage, and $300 toward the church-building at New Ulm; total $1,425. Thus two persons give to these causes $2,450.

When the financial work of Mr. Walcott was presented to Plymouth church, Minneapolis, and they were asked to assume his salary, pledges were immediately made amounting to $1,041. This liberal response was made, it was said, because this movement commended itself to the

judgment of business men. While we give thanks for this growing liberality toward the cause of Home Missions, which lies nearest the heart of every lover of our land and the world, let us pray that this spirit may spread among all our churches in Minnesota, until funds are provided which will allow that this work shall keep pace with the exceedingly rapid development of our State.

SUMMARY.

This year's work may be summarized as follows: Seventy-four missionaries labor during all or part of the year; fifty-three missionaries now under commission; one hundred and sixty-two places supplied with preaching; six churches come to self-support; sixteen churches receive less aid than during the year previous; additions to churches 469; on profession 175; fourteen new ministers; two church debts nearly provided for; ten new churches organized; seven parsonages secured; seventeen churches repaired; ten houses of worship erected; subscriptions secured for erecting seven more; and THE PILGRIM secures 1,000 subscribers.

MORE MEN AND MONEY.

A constant hindrance to the efficiency of our missionary work is the lack of men. At no time during the part fifteen months have our fields all been manned. There has not been a time when there was not from ten to twenty-five vacant posts. This scarcity has been increased by the loud calls from the Territories of Dakota and Montana, on the west of us. We have had to spare men for Fort Benton and Billings, in Montana; and in one month's time eight men were asked to go into North Dakota, every one of whom was much needed in Minnesota. While the contributions of men and money for Home Missions is increasing, yet neither are keeping pace with the development of our country. Fifty per cent. increase in both money and men is most urgently needed in our own State *to supply new fields with the Gospel where there are now no religious services whatever.* Will not Christian business men hear the call for more funds? and Christian students say "Here am I?" and Christian mothers consecrate their sons to the gospel ministry?

For the general prosperity which has attended the Home Missionary service in Minnesota and North Dakota, during the past year, we turn with most reverent and joyful gratitude to our LORD JESUS CHRIST, "whom we preach." To be co-workers with Him in the advancement of His Kingdom on the earth is our highest and most blessed privilege. May we not now turn away, during these winter months, from the externals of church work and point men to "the Lamb of God which taketh away *the sins of the world.*"

# NARRATIVE OF THE HOME MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

ADA.—This town is the county seat of Norman county, and religious services were held by Rev. John A. Wells for some months, and on August 10, 1882, the church was organized with nine members, and he is the efficient missionary pastor. They hope to build next spring.

AITKIN.—This new town enjoyed the undivided and very acceptable services of Rev. H. W. Hunt during his summer vacation from Yale Seminary. Regular preaching was maintained, a Sunday-school started; no church organized; but the seed planted is likely to bear good fruit hereafter.

ALEXANDRIA.—A fair year's work was done under the new pastor, Rev. William Gill. It is hoped that this church may soon reach self-support. The parsonage has been completed and there have been thirteen additions to the church.

APPLETON (Swift county) and LAC QUI PARLE.—These churches continue to be served by Rev. R. W. Jamison, who has begun preaching also at Watson. Appleton purchased a school house and fitted it up for church services; both churches subscribed more for preaching; and the pastor has taken a wife.

BENSON and HANCOCK.—These are united under the missionary care of Rev. C. A. Ruddock. He also preaches at Lake Emily, and at two school houses—a large field. The church building at Benson has been sold for $1,050, and another will be erected in a more central location. Rev. H. B. Beard, of Minneapolis, has bought an excellent house and lot in Hancock at a cost of about $1,200, and offerred it to the church for a parsonage for $500—a generous offer which the church gratefully accepts. Rev. George B. Nutting has given valuble help to this church by supplying its pulpit occasionally.

BLUE HILL (Sherburn county).—Since Rev. W. H. Forbes left Princeton has had only occasional preaching by a Methodist minister.

BRAINERD.—The new church building approaches completion. It is veneered with brick and will cost about $10,000. The church comes to self-support, and has raised the pastor's salary from $1,000 to $1,500,

but the death of Mr. Ferris is a great loss. A very wide field of usefulness lies around this church.

BRECKENRIDGE.—In May last the pastor, Rev. J. O. Emerson resigned. During the summer the church has been building, and enjoyed occasional preaching by the Rev. E. D. Curtis, of Wahpeton. In October Mr. Emerson was recalled, and will soon dedicate the new house of worship. The town is growing rapidly.

BROWNSDALE and LANSING.—The former pastor, Rev. J. S. Rounce, has moved to Janesville. Brownsdale village is needlessly divided by several sects; our church there is in debt about $1,000, which is more than its property is worth. The Baptists, to whom the debt is due, have offered to take the property and cancel the debt; which will probably be done and our church cease to exist.

BROWNTON (McLeod county), SUMTER, BUFFALO CITY, STEWART and PRESTON LAKE.—This circuit was well-supplied during the summer months by Rev. D. M. Lewis, during his vacation from Yale Seminary. It is a large, needy field, and will well repay faithful work.

CLEARWATER.—A strong church in members and Christian activity, and they are looking hopefully toward self-support at the proper time under the leadership of Rev. O. P. Champlin. The Manitoba railroad reached the village during the last year.

CLIFTON and STANLEY (Lyon county).—These country churches have in them some very excellent Christian people, who have enjoyed the preaching of Rev. John B. Fairbank, of Marshall, during the past six months.

COMO AVENUE CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS.—A preliminary organization was made in November, 1882, with twenty-six members, and Rev. A. Fuller, from Aintab, Turkey, has accepted the pastorate and begun an interesting work in a promising field.

CROOKSTON.—Rev. S. A. Barteau resigned in February, 1882, and was followed by Rev. T. J. West, who resigned in the following July. For four months regular services were maintained by various ministers; since then the Rev. C. E. Page has supplied the pulpit. The church and congregation have made a very liberal subscription of over $3,000 for a house of worship, and will build in the spring. The rapid growth of the town and the fidelity of the members make it a hopeful field.

DETROIT, AUDUBON, LAKE VIEW and LAKE PARK.—All these points and others are served by the active ministry of Rev. E. H. Stickney. The field ought to be divided, and both churches and pastor have plead for another minister on that ground, but the scarcity of men and means do not yet admit of it.

DEXTER and GRAND MEADOW.—These churches have had no services

for over a year. Dexter has a good house of worship, and greatly needs the regular preaching of the gospel.

DODGE CENTER AND CLAREMONT.—Benevolences have increased, the house of worship at Dodge Center has been completed, and services maintained at Ashland, but pastor A. H. Tebbetts has not witnessed the ingathering so much desired.

EDGERTON (Pipe Stone county).—This church and two out-stations are ministered to by the beloved Rev. C. W. Matthews. There have been several conversions during the year but only one addition to the church. The farm of the Sunday-school superintendent, Deacon E. W. Day, was visited by the same cyclone which demolished Iowa College, and house, barn and farming implements were almost entirely destroyed.

EVANSVILLE (Douglas county) and ST. OLAF—The pastor, Rev. S. M. Bronson, finds he is the only minister of the gospel who preaches in English at either of the railroad stations for fifty miles. In so wide a field one voice can do but little of the very much that is needed. At Evansville the growth of the town and prospects of the church are encouraging.

FAIRMONT (Martin county), CHAIN LAKE CENTER, and WESTFORD.—July 1, 1882, Rev. John H. Nason, of Morrisville, New York, came to Fairmont and found it much enfeebled, and hardly claiming to be alive; but the spirit has blessed his wise and consecrated devotion to the work, and a general quickening of the church life and large congregations are the fruit. The happy pastor writes: "The work grows upon our hands. What a wonderful blessing is in store for the faithful—in fact, we get the blessing as we go along." He gives such attention to the other two churches as their distance and his time will permit.

FERGUS FALLS. Ill health caused the resignation of the much-loved Rev. W. L. Sutherland, and Rev. H. N. Kinney, of the last class at Andover, came to the pastorate in July and was ordained October 19. Large additions have since been made to the membership, and in every way the work is full of encouragement.

FREEBORN (Freeborn county), HARTLAND, NEW RICHLAND, BERLIN, and LEMOND. Too large a field for one minister, but Pastor Wilbur Fisk gives it the helpful service of one who loves his people and his work. There have been thirteen additions to the churches on profession. The church at New Richland was organized July 27, and a new house of worship is nearly completed. At Freeborn the widely-scattered members maintain a largely-attended prayer meeting.

GLENCOE. The year has been a prosperous one for this church; and by the wise leadership of Rev. John Bradshaw, the evening congregations are large; nine additions to membership; $1,300 raised among

themselves for a parsonage, and the commodious place owned by the former pastor, Rev. J. Chandler, has been purchased and is occupied by the pastor.

GOSHEN (Nicollet county), SALEM and SOUTH BEND.—These Welsh churches are efficiently served and revived by Rev. William Powell.

GRANITE FALLS.—The notable event of the year was the raising of a subscription by Rev. F. N. Walcott to pay off a debt of $511, which was paralyzing the progress of the church, and the pastor, Rev. G. W. Sargent, writes that he "can now pray and preach and work better than before."

HAMILTON (Fillmore county).—This church has just lost its pastor, Rev. Dennis Goodsell, by removal to California.

HAWLEY (Clay county). MUSKODA and PARK.—Of these three Union churches, only Hawley maintains a vigorous life, and she now attempts to be self-supporting. Muskoda and Park are out stations for occasional preaching.

HIGH FOREST (Olmstead county,) and STEWARTVILLE.—These churches have suffered from removals and crop failures, but the pastor, Rev. E. P. Crane, and the churches believe in maintaining the benevolences, and they have contributed $85 to mission causes during the year. "Have been illustrating, in this region of crop failures, Rev. 2–25; nevertheless, family after family have slipped away. We are becoming like Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village'—without the village. In taking our first collection for the church benevolences, the people were persuaded that Rev. 2–25 means Heb. 20–35 (last part.)"

HUTCHINSON, DASSEL and COKATO.—The two latter churches were served for some months by Rev. N. H. Pierce, and he revived the almost extinct work at Cokato. In June these three churches were united under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Renshaw, and have so much increased their support to the pastor as to reduce the missionary aid about $200 since last year. The Dassel church has the credit of being the first to pay in $50 to furnish a students' room in Ladies' Hall at Carleton College. This generosity was quickly rewarded by the gift of a church bell from Pres. James W. Strong and friends.

JANESVILLE (Waseca county), FREEDOM and WINNEBAGO AGENCY.—After the resignation of Rev. R. S. Armstrong at Freedom, and Rev. A. T. Sherwin at the Agency, these three points united under the missionary service of Rev. J. S. Rounce, who organized a church at Janesville, Nov. 17, 1882.

LAKE BENTON (Lincoln county).—This village is located in a charming country at the head of a beautiful lake. The house of worship has been completed, and Pastor Wm. Wilson sees the fruits of his labor.

LAMBERTON (Redwood county).—Once a growing church of some sixty members; now almost a wreck, brought about largely by the unfitness of some of its nominal pastors for this sacred work.

LITTLE FALLS, BELLE PRAIRIE and GREEN PRAIRIE.—Rev. J. S. Hull began the year with the two first named churches, but organized the Green Prairie church in May. The Little Falls church has made some repairs and more are needed. This field pledges considerable more to support of pastor than last year.

LU VERNE and CLINTON (Rock county).—This is the double name of a single church near LuVerne. The membership is small but very intelligent and active, and Rev. H. G. Miller, of Valley Springs, Dakota, preaches to them once in two weeks.

MANKATO AND BELGRADE.—Since the resignation of pastor J. A. Freeman last May, these churches have been supplied by Rev. Albert Warren of the last class at Yale Seminary, who was ordained at Mankato Aug. 31, 1882. The work is difficult but the prospects are encouraging.

MANTORVILLE.—Rev. William Gill, who was pastor for so many years, resigned last December, and Rev. Henry Willard has since been the pastor. It is expected that this church will advance this year to self-support.

MAPLETON AND STERLING, (Blue Earth county.)—The church building at Sterling has been greatly improved by repairs. The Mapleton church was organizad Oct 1, 1882, and is building a house of worship. These churches are ministered to by Rev. O. O. Rundell, who comes to us from the United Brethren.

MAZEPPA.—Under the efficient pastorate of Rev. H. K. Painter this church enjoys a quiet prosperity. The church grounds have been much improved by walks and planting of trees. The ladies have been especially active, having raised over $165, and shown a warm interest in the cause of temperance and foreign missions.

MARINE MILLS, FIRST AND SECOND CHURCHES.—After being for more than one year without regular preaching, the Second church united with the first in calling Rev. N. H. Pierce, in May last, and since that time the work has revived in both communities.

MCCAULEYVILLE, (Wilkin county.)—During the summer months this community enjoyed preaching every two weeks by Rev. A. L. Gillette, of Hartford Seminary, who was located at Wolcott, Dakota. A minister is much needed for this field.

MEDFORD.—Moves forward to self-support. Rev. D. Staver resigned to go to Colorado, and Rev. C. W. Bird is now pastor.

MENTOR.—This church was organized by Rev. S. H. Barteau last spring in Polk county, 35 miles east of Crookston, near the Red Lake

Indian Reservation, but has since been without a pastor. A self-denying missionary is greatly needed on that frontier.

MINNESOTA LAKE, (Faribault county.)—This church was organized April 30, 1882, by Rev. R. S. Armstrong, who ministered to it and Danville until Oct. 1. They need a pastor and a house of worship.

MONTEVIDEO.—No pastor for the past 18 months, no house of worship, no regular service, nor Sunday-school; but the church organization is maintained, and the material is there for a strong, useful church, which will prove itself worthy when the pastor and house of worship, now in prospect, are secured.

MONTICELLO.—The decided progress made by this church appears in the building of a parsonage which (with the lot) cost about $1,200, most of which was raised among themselves. Pastor A. A. Hurd also maintains a preaching service at Big Lake.

NEW ULM.—Rev. Christian Mowery began work here last April. A Sunday-school has been in operation for eight months, which is kept up with fair success. No church has yet been organized, but the people of the place have subscribed about $600 towards a church building which will soon be completed. The pastor's ability to speak and preach in either German or English adapts him well to this most difficult but promising field.

ORTONVILLE.—The year's record under pastor A. Hadden is quite encouraging. A parsonage costing $1,000 has been purchased and nearly paid for, and the church asks for $100 less missionary aid than last year. The hearts of the people were greatly touched by the death of the organist, Miss Carrie Varney, a lovely Christian girl and an accomplished musician.

OSAKIS, GORDON and WEST UNION.—These are to be united into one missionary field so soon as a pastor can be secured. Osakis is weakened by removals, but the town prospers. West Union is well cared for by pastor I. L. Cory, and Mr. J. A. Norris, of Sauk Center, through whose efforts the church has grown up. It was organized April 12, 1882, after the revival meetings of Rev. F. N. Walcott.

PACIFIC CHURCH, ST. PAUL.—Organized Jan. 24, 1882; and soon after received Rev. C. A. Conant for pastor. Since that time he has been untiringly pushing the work of church building, and a beautiful edifice costing about $7,000, will soon be dedicated.

PAYNESVILLE, (Stearns county.)—After waiting nearly three years for a pastor, this church is now to enjoy the preaching of Rev. John W. Todd of the last class at Bangor Seminary. Some effort is being made to purchase a parsonage, as the pastor says he "cannot tent out on the prairie," especially in the winter and with a family.

PELICAN RAPIDS, (Otter Tail county.)—This church was organized May 10, 1882, by Revs. M. S. Hall and F. N. Walcott, and is ministered to by the former. The railroad has reached the village; its growth is rapid: and the prospects of the young church are good. A subscription for a house of worship was raised, but its erection is postponed until next spring.

PRINCETON, (Mille Lacs county.)—"Leading features and present conditions: Nine members on the ground; no workers in the social meetings, and very few Sunday-school teachers; pecuniary indisposition; two saloons well attended; four billiard tables patronized day and night; most of the leading men unfriendly to the church; the Sabbath a day of pleasure seeking; Isa. 58-19." The present pastor is Rev. U. W. Small. Pray for this church and community.

RENDSVILLE, (Stevens county).—Since the departure of Rev. S. F. Porter, this church has been without regular services.

ROSE CREEK, (Mower county).—The pastor, Rev. L. H. Moses, has tried to help care for several vacant fields in that vicinity, but his health does not permit. The church at Rose Creek shows signs of growth.

RUSHFORD.—Under the long pastorate of beloved Rev. W. W. Snell the work grows. More liberal pledges for pastor's support are made, and $50 less aid received. The aggressive power of the church against intemperance has been so strong as to cause the friends of strong drink to wish "the Congregational church was out of the way."

SARATOGA (Winona county).—Scarcely lives. During the summer vacation Rev. E. M. Cravath, of Fisk University, Nashville, held services, and he thinks it a field of great need and fair promise.

SAUK RAPIDS. In all respects this church has had a prosperous year under the ministry of Rev. David Henderson. The membership has been nearly doubled, and the congregations uniformly large. The subscriptions for support of the pastor were $300 last year, but this year increased to $645.

SCAMELL'S (Otter Tail county).—Ministered to without missionary aid by Rev. Geo. Johnson.

SHERBURN (Martin county).—An eventful year for the little church. They have patiently finished paying a debt; have subscribed well toward a new house of worship, and have sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Hamblen, a leading member and a devoted Christian woman. The male members of the church and congregation cut eighty-eight tons of hay on the prairie during the summer, the proceeds to be devoted towards the new church building. The hay, after being pressed and loaded on the cars, netted only about $3 per ton. It should be called "The Haymakers' Church." Hon. E. S. Jones, of Minneapo-

lis, sent $300 to the Congregational Union, New York, toward a parsonage for the pastor, Rev. S. K. Perkins. Then, when a parsonage and a new building seemed about secured for this struggling church and pastor, it was found that the title to the church lots was defective, and the whole matter stands in abeyance until the legal questions can be settled.

SLEEPY EYE.—A new church building completed, and increasing interest in the services. Pastor W. A. Lyman has among his people some excellent co-workers, and with the rapidly growing town a widening field opens. Mr. Lyman mourns the pastorless fields in that Conference, and calls for more laborers.

SPRINGFIELD (Brown county) and EDEN.—These churches and several out stations have been ministered to by Rev. J. Kidder. Eden has paid off its debt and made valuable repairs on its house of worship.

ST. VINCENT (extreme northwestern corner of the state).—Rev. Wm. Ewing preaches here in connection with Pembina, Dakota. A subscription was raised for a house of worship, but a defective title to the lots has deferred the erection.

TRACY-BETHEL.—This is a Welsh country church three miles from the village of Tracy, and enjoys the faithful ministrations of Rev. Philip Peregrine, who hopes that financial and spiritual prosperity in the church are not far distant.

TYLER (Lincoln county) and LAKE STAY.—These churches, with Shaokatan and School House No. 34, in Pipe Stone county, were supplied during the summer vacation with very acceptible service by Rev. J. L. McCollum, of Yale seminary. Concerning his experience there he gives this pleasant picture: "There is much that will encourage the one who will labor in this field in the future. The people are hungering for the Bread of Life, and come from miles around to attend the services, and manifest the greatest interest in what the minister may have to say. The school houses in which services were held were always full, often crowded, and a few times could not hold those who came to hear, but they gathered around the doors and windows. The families are scattered over a wide territory, and most of them have recently settled there. Though they cannot offer the accommodations found in older settlements, they are none the less anxious to entertain the minister, and manifest in their hospitality such warmth of heart that the minister goes away feeling that whereas he came to minister unto them, he is himself ministered unto by hearts warm with the love of Christ."

VINE CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS.—Was organized Feb. 9, 1882, an offshoot from the Second church. In June, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher became its pastor, and by his energy, the hearty co-operation of the church and the generosity of many friends in the Second and Plymouth churches, a beautiful house of worship has been completed, and was dedicated Dec. 5, 1882, and the pastor installed.

WADENA, BLUFFTON and VERNDALE.—These three churches divide the services of Rev. W. H. Forbes. At Verndale six have been added to the membership, but the audiences and Sunday school are small. At Bluffton there have been five additions, with a fair attendance at the preaching service. Decided progress has been made at Wadena by the addition of ten members, and the building and dedication of a house of worship costing about $2,000. All the subscriptions were promptly paid, and the ladies society raised $325.

WALNUT GROVE (Redwood county) and TRACY.—Since the resignation of the pastor, Rev. H. C. Simmons, last May, to take up the work of general missionary in North Dakota, these churches have been without regular preaching services. A pastor is greatly needed and would be warmly welcomed.

WATERVILLE (Le Sueur county) and MORRISTOWN.—Marked progress has been made in both these churches. Waterville (the only Congregational church in Le Sueur county), while without a pastor, enjoyed a precious revival season under the labors of Rev. D. Staver and others. They made a liberal subscription for a house of worship which is completed and was dedicated Dec. 12, 1882.

MORRISTOWN.—Lost its pastor, Rev. C. W. Bird, by resignation in July last; afterwards the church bought a commodious parsonage and the new railroad reached the town. Both churches are now efficiently served by Rev. E. E. Rogers.

WAYZATA, GROVELAND, MINNETONKA MILLS and PARKER'S LAKE.—This is the too large field of Rev. R. H. Battey, but he gives chief attention to the first named. The young church at Wayzata already sends off a branch by dismissing several members to form the Groveland church, Nov. 22, where a subscription is secured to build a chapel in the spring.

WITOKA (Winona county).—During the summer of 1881 this young church was served by Rev. H. A. Bushnell, Union Seminary, New York. It was a case of love at first sight on both sides, and during the year following, while he was completing his course of study, the church would call no other minister and he would listen to proposals from no other source. He was ordained and installed July 20, 1882. Improvements have been made in the church building, and the prospect is full of hope.

WORTHINGTON. The church building has been painted at a cost of $160; the pledges of $475 to pay the church debt have been redeemed; the system of pledges and weekly offerings in envelopes has been a complete success, resulting in an increase of one-third, which has been steadily maintained. The pastor, Rev. H. H. Hart, has done valiant service for the the town in the temperance work. A new railroad from Iowa has reached Worthington and a new growth has begun.

# MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This society shall be called the "MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

SEC. 2. It shall be auxilliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

SEC. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the society by contributing annually to its treasury.

SEC. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The duties of these officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions.

SEC. 6. The officers named in section 4, with three Directors, to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the society not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership and promote the interests of the society.

SEC. 8. The annual meeting of the society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with, the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

SEC. 9. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society, provided that sections 2 and 3 be not materially hanged, and the 2d and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

SEC. 10. The society may establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The third annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the chapel of Plymouth Church, St. Paul, at 9 o'clock A. M., October 14, 1882.

The president, Mrs. E. S. Williams, was in the chair.

The meeting was opened with singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," after which Mrs. Gale read a few verses of Scripture and offered prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Wheaton, was presented and accepted.

The chair then appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Plant, Mrs. Dr. Dana, Mrs. Luckes, Mrs. Olds and Mrs. Hart to nominate officers for the coming year.

The report of the secretary, Miss Kate Smith, was read and accepted.

Mrs. Benton, missionary in Syria, then spoke a few earnest words.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock the following day.

October 15, 1882.

The meeting was opened by song and prayer.

The report of the nominating committee was as follows:

President—Mrs. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis.
Vice President—Mrs. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis.
Secretary—Mrs. M. L. Saunders, St. Paul.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Wingate, Minneapolis.
Auditor—Miss M. J. Evans, Northfield.
Directors—Anoka Conference, Mrs E. S. Williams, Minneapolis.
Central Conference, Mrs. N. B. Oakford, Sauk Centre.
Mankato Conference, Mrs. L. W. Chaney, Waseca.
Minnesota Valley Conference, Mrs. C. A. Ruddock, Hancock.
Northern Pacific Conference, Mrs. S. N. Millard, Glyndon.
Owatonna Conference, Mrs. J. L. Noyes, Faribault.
Western Conference, Mrs. A. P. Chase, Marshall.
Winona Conference, Mrs. F. A. Poole, Rochester.

Twenty-five ladies have become life members during the past year.

A paper was read by Mrs. J. L. Noyes, of Faribault on home experience in missionary labor.

Remarks were made by Miss Evans, of Northfield; Mrs. Hart, of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Olds, of Afton; Mrs. Lewis, of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis; Mrs. Whitney, of St. Cloud; Mrs. Short, of Morristown; Miss Tucker, of Marshall, and Mrs. Ellis, of Oberlin, all emphasizing the value of personal hand-to-hand effort in awakening missionary zeal, as well as raising the necessary funds.

Dr. Dana and Mr. Montgomery addressed the meeting, both urging systematic effort and compact organization; also the selection of specific objects in the work.

Six hundred and fifteen boxes have been donated by Mrs. Hackett during the year, and most of them have been successfully used, but it was deemed best to have something more substantial than paper boxes, and Mrs. Dana and Mrs. Noyes were appointed a committee to procure missionary jugs.

After prayer by Mrs. Dana, meeting adjourned.

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

| Annual Meeting 2d Wednesday in October. | Organized Oct. 24, 1856. | Place of Meeting. | Moderator. | Recording Secretary. | Corresponding Secretary. | Statistical Secretary. | Preachers and Text. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1856 | St. Anthony... | Rev. S. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. C. Secombe. | ..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens, John 1:4. |
| 2 | 1857 | Prescott, Wis. | Rev. L. Armsby.... | Rev. C. B Sheldon. | Rev. C. Secombe. | ..... | Rev. C. B Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4:7. |
| 3 | 1858 | Faribault .... | Rev. D. Andrews... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. Richard Hall. Rev. 11:15. |
| 4 | 1859 | Winona..... | Rev. C. Secombe... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev L. Armsby, Rev. 3:8. |
| 5 | 1860 | St. Paul..... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. D. Andrews, Is. 55:10, 11. |
| 6 | 1861 | Anoka..... | Rev. O. A. Thomas.. | Rev. C. B. Sheldon. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. A. S. Fisk, Phil, 4:6. |
| 7 | 1862 | Northfield .... | Rev. Chas. Shedd.. | Rev. A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev Chas. Shedd, 2 Thes. 2:13. |
| 8 | 1863 | Lake City..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens. | Rev. A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. J. W. Millen, Jno. 17:20, 21. |
| 9 | 1864 | Rochester..... | Bro. C. M. Goodsell | Rev A. K. Packard | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. C Secombe, Prov. 14:10. |
| 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis.. | Bro R. G. Lincoln. | Rev. J. F. Dudley.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. D. Burt, Eph. 2:1. |
| 11 | 1866 | Faribault..... | Bro. W. G. Copp... | Rev. J. F. Dudley.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. A. B. Smith. Matt. 23:8. |
| 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud..... | Rev. J. W. Strong.. | Rev. J. F. Dudley.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. E. J. Hart, Luke 19:11, 27. |
| 13 | 1868 | Austin .... | Bro. S. W. Furber.. | Rev. L. S. Griggs... | Rev. A. Fuller.... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. A. Fuller, Job. 40:3, 42:5, 6. |
| 14 | 1869 | Owatonna..... | Bro. J. L. Noyes... | Rev. L. S. Griggs... | Rev. A. Fuller.... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. E. Gale, Jno. 4:22, 12. |
| 15 | 1870 | Northfield .... | Bro. R. J. Baldwin. | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. A. Fuller.... | Rev. C. Secombe. | Rev. W. B. Dada Mark 4:28. |
| 16 | 1871 | St. Anthony... | Rev. J. W. Strong.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. C. C. Salter | Rev R. Hall..... | Rev. C. C. Salter, Is. 40:3, |
| 17 | 1872 | Lake City..... | Rev. S. H. Barteau. | Rev. H. A. Stimson | Rev. C C. Salter.. | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. E. M. Williams, Rom. 1:16. |
| 18 | 1873 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page.... | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. H. M. Tenney. Phil. 2:15, 16. |
| 19 | 1874 | Winona ..... | Rev. H. A. Stinson. | Rev. H. Bumsted... | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. M. Terry, 1 Cor. 3: 9, 17. |
| 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis.. | Rev. L. H. Cobb.... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. J. W. Ray, Rom. 1:16. |
| 21 | 1876 | Austin ..... | Rev. E. M. Williams | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney.. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood. Eph. 3:8. |
| 22 | 1877 | Faribault..... | Rev. David Burt.... | Bro. Wm. Cheney.. | Rev. N. C. Chapin | Bro. W. Cheney... | Rev. C. W. Merrill. 2 Tim. 4:2. |
| 23 | 1878 | Mankato ..... | Rev. D. L. Leonard. | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Bro. W. Cheney... | J. H. Morley, Matt. 16:15. 16. |
| 24 | 1879 | E. Minneapolis | Hon. A. H. Young.. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood. | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Rev. Geo A. Hood | Rev. D. L. Leonard, Heb. 11:1. |
| 25 | 1880 | Northfield .... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Matt. 28:28,10. |
| 26 | 1881 | Rochester..... | Rev. Geo. A. Hood. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood. | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. C. E. Wright, Matt, 11:4. |
| 27 | 1882 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page.... | Rev. W. A. James... | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Rv. J. B. Fairbank | Rv. R. G. Hutchins, D. D. Mat. 16:14,15 |

## ANOKA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS Aug. 31, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | C. L. Corwin | 1882 | .... | 4 | 13 | 17 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .. | 4 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | M. A. Stevens | 1881 | .... | 28 | 70 | 98 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 10 | .... | .... | 2 | 2 | 4 | .... | 145 | .... | 145 | 105 |
| Brownton | 1875 | 11 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Cokato | 1877 | 2 | 12 | J. B. Renshaw | 1880 | .... | 10 | 16 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 65 | 25 | 90 | 30 |
| Cottage Grove | 1853 | 12 | 29 | W. E. Archibald | 1881 | .... | 33 | 59 | 92 | 22 | 32 | 4 | 36 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 16 | 4 | 40 | 50 | 90 | 57 |
| Dassel | 1878 | 2 | 25 | J. B. Renshaw | 1882 | .... | 4 | 15 | 19 | 3 | .... | 5 | 5 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 100 | .... | 100 | 25 |
| Elk River—Union | 1875 | 2 | 17 | Wm. M. Jenkins | 1878 | .... | 27 | 47 | 74 | 8 | 17 | 16 | 33 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | 8 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | 60 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | C. B. Sheldon | 1855 | .... | 47 | 72 | 118 | 12 | 14 | 2 | 16 | .... | 4 | .... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 115 | 25 | 140 | .... |
| Glencoe | 1858 | 6 | 24 | John Brsdshaw | 1881 | .... | 12 | 28 | 40 | .... | 2 | 7 | 9 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 65 | .... | 65 | .... |
| Hutchinson | 1878 | 10 | 18 | J. B. Renshaw | 1879 | .... | 7 | 18 | 25 | 4 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 110 | .... | 110 | 45 |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | C. L. Corwin | 1882 | .... | 4 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Marine Mills—First | 1858 | 2 | 8 | N. H. Pierce | 1882 | .... | 2 | 8 | 10 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 48 | .... | 48 | 22 |
| Marine Mills—Second | 1878 | 2 | 6 | N. H. Pierce | 1882 | .... | 6 | 17 | 23 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | 20 |
| Minneapolis—First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | J. L. Scudder | 1882 | 1882 | 68 | 14 | 182 | .... | 8 | 17 | 25 | 1 | 9 | .... | 10 | 5 | 3 | 350 | 195 | 545 | .... |
| Minneapolis—Plym'th | 1857 | 4 | 28 | R. G. Hutchins, D.D. | 1882 | .... | 222 | 356 | 578 | 25 | 7 | 55 | 62 | 10 | 42 | .... | 52 | 1 | .... | 350 | 250 | 600 | 300 |
| Minneapolis—Second | 1867 | 10 | 14 | E. S. Williams | 1875 | 1879 | 57 | 122 | 179 | .... | 21 | 8 | 29 | 1 | 20 | .... | 21 | .... | .... | 200 | .... | 200 | .... |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 1873 | 10 | 29 | G. A. Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 49 | 85 | 134 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 2 | .... | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | 200 | 30 | 230 | 75 |
| Minneapolis—Vine | 1882 | 2 | 9 | S. V. S. Fisher | 1882 | 1882 | 4 | 6 | 10 | .... | .... | 10 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | .... |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| St. Paul—Plymouth | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M. McG. Dana, D. D. | 1878 | 1878 | 171 | 151 | 422 | .... | 12 | 29 | 41 | 2 | 31 | .... | 33 | 4 | 2 | 300 | .... | 400 | 200 |
| St. Paul—Pacific | 1882 | 1 | 31 | C. A. Conant | 1882 | 1883 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | .... |
| Wayzata | 1881 | 3 | 25 | R. H. Battey | 1882 | .... | 11 | 27 | 38 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 23 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 6 | 1 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 20 |
| | | | | | | | 776 | 1348 | 2124 | 124 | 143 | 171 | 314 | 17 | 119 | 5 | 141 | 52 | 16 | 2558 | 675 | 3233 | 959 |

New Churches—Pacific, St. Paul; Vine, Minneapolis. Executive Committee—Revs. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis; J. L. Scudder, J. B. Renshaw; Jas. G. Nind, Minneapolis, Registrar.

## ANOKA CONFERENCE--TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Benefi. | C. P. S. | Other Benefi. | Total Benefi. | Church. Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | $ 16 00 | $ 30 00 | $ 15 00 | $ 6 00 | $ ..... | $ .... | $ .... | $ 30 00 | $ 97 00 | $ 175 00 | $ 272 00 |
| Anoka | 13 30 | 106 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14 45 | 134 55 | 1,100 00 | 1,234 55 |
| Brownton | ..... | 6 85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 25 | ..... | ..... | 8 10 | 275 00 | 283 10 |
| Cokato | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cottage Grove | 39 00 | 36 00 | ..... | 8 36 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 83 36 | 750 00 | 833 36 |
| Dassel | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 3 25 | 50 00 | 10 00 | ..... | 50 00 | 123 25 | ..... | 123 25 |
| Elk River Union | 9 68 | 11 60 | 8 80 | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | ..... | 9 05 | 139 13 | 1,000 00 | 1,139 13 |
| Excelsior | 43 00 | 40 00 | 23 00 | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 141 00 | 500 00 | 641 00 |
| Glencoe | ..... | 20 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | 35 00 | 800 00 | 835 00 |
| Hutchinson | 5 61 | 44 53 | 8 44 | 8 44 | 5 61 | ..... | ..... | 63 00 | 135 63 | 440 00 | 575 63 |
| Lakeland | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 325 00 | 325 00 |
| Marine Mills—First | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | 12 00 | 175 00 | 187 00 |
| Marine Mills—Second | ..... | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 50 | 170 00 | 172 50 |
| Minneapolis—First | 86 74 | 90 05 | 208 36 | 143 37 | 68 42 | 240 75 | ..... | 133 05 | 965 74 | 4,416 77 | 5,382 51 |
| Minneapolis—Plymouth | 759 29 | 538 72 | 351 88 | 271 75 | 68 74 | 204 11 | 34 85 | 10,982 46 | 13,211 30 | 6,000 00 | 19,211 30 |
| Minneapolis—Second | 53 57 | 231 29 | 21 48 | 21 48 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 283 1- | 610 97 | 2,352 83 | 2,963 80 |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 28 28 | 99 53 | 1 47 | 1 14 | 2 66 | 50 00 | 1 47 | 188 00 | 372 55 | 3,263 64 | 3,636 19 |
| Minneapolis—Vine | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Preston Lake | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Paul—Plymouth | 180 50 | 220 04 | 97 58 | 28 30 | 6 29 | 165 27 | ..... | 2,620 87 | 3,318 85 | 5,061 78 | 8,380 63 |
| St. Paul—Pacific | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Wayzata | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 26 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 26 | 940 00 | 948 26 |
| | $ 1,234 97 | $ 1,487 91 | $ 731 01 | $ 510 35 | $ 201 72 | $ 771 38 | $ 35 82 | $14,426 08 | $19,399 19 | $29,245 02 | $ 48,644 21 |

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. Aug. | MEMBERS 31, 1882. | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | BAP-TISM. | SABBATH SCHOTLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. Schools. | In Mission S. Schools | Total. | Families. |
| Alexandria | 1867 | 12 | 14 | William Gill,. | 1881 | .... | 17 | 36 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | .... | 3 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 150 | .... | 150 | ... |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | J. S. Hull | 1881 | .... | 7 | 12 | 19 | 3 | .... | .... | .. | 1 | 5 | .. | 6 | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | 8 |
| Blue Hill | 1876 | 1 | 12 | | .... | .... | 6 | 10 | 16 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | 20 | .... | 20 | ... |
| Clear Water | 1859 | 4 | 20 | O. P. Champlin | 1881 | .... | 21 | 63 | 84 | 10 | 5 | .... | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 5 | .. | 75 | 50 | 125 | 50 |
| Easton | 1879 | 11 | 12 | | .... | .... | 2 | 5 | 7 | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | 40 | .... | 40 | ... |
| Glenwood | 1875 | 9 | 29 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ... |
| Gordon | 1879 | 9 | 7 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ... |
| Green Prairie | 1882 | 5 | 11 | J. S. Hull | 1881 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | ... | 9 | .... | 9 | .... | .... | .. | .... | 2 | 4 | .... | 40 | 40 | 20 |
| Little Falls | 1872 | 5 | 11 | J. S. Hull | 1881 | .... | 19 | 21 | 30 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 8 | .... | 4 | .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | 45 | 40 | 85 | ... |
| Monticello | 1856 | 3 | 8 | A. A. Hurd | 1881 | .... | 15 | 34 | 49 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 17 | .... | .... | .. | .... | 7 | 5 | 63 | .... | 63 | 35 |
| Osakis | 1877 | 11 | 24 | | .... | .... | 7 | 16 | 23 | 5 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 3 | .. | 3 | .... | .. | 1 | .... | 1 | ... |
| Paynesville | 1866 | 7 | 29 | John W. Todd | 1882 | .... | 5 | 4 | 9 | ... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | 60 | .... | 60 | ... |
| Princeton | 1856 | 7 | 11 | U. W. Small | .... | .... | 14 | 14 | 28 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ... |
| Sauk Centre | 1867 | 1 | 20 | Isaac L. Cory | 1879 | 1879 | 36 | 55 | 91 | 17 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 1 | 5 | .. | 6 | 5 | .. | 125 | .... | 125 | 50 |
| Sauk Rapids | 1855 | 2 | 28 | David Henderson | 1881 | .... | 14 | 23 | 37 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 17 | 1 | .... | .. | 1 | 4 | 4 | 60 | .... | 60 | 32 |
| St. Cloud | 1864 | 2 | 10 | J. Hayes Chandler | 1882 | .... | 12 | 30 | 42 | 3 | .... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | .... | .. | 50 | .... | 50 | 40 |
| Two Rivers | 1875 | 5 | 2 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ... |
| Union Grove | 1876 | 5 | 30 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ... |
| West Union | 1882 | 4 | 11 | I. L. Cory | 1882 | .... | 3 | 10 | 13 | ... | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | .. | 1 | 7 | ... | 40 | .... | 40 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | 182 | 338 | 510 | 83 | 50 | 45 | 95 | 5 | 26 | 2 | 33 | 32 | 15 | 729 | 130 | 857 | 242 |

**New Churches—West Union, Green Prairie. Executive Committee—Revs. Joseph Chandler, St. Cloud; I. L. Cory, D. Henderson. Rev. O. P. Champlin, Registrar.**

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Benef. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expen'es | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexandria | $ 16 50 | $ 35 62 | $ 6 00 | $ 18 00 | $ 25 00 | ..... | ..... | $ 6 00 | $ 107 12 | $ 671 00 | $ 778 12 |
| Belle Prairie | ..... | 8 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 50 | ..... | 8 50 |
| Blue Hill | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Clear Water | 15 60 | 38 48 | 11 07 | 5 55 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 70 | 1,177 84 | 1,248 54 |
| Easton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Glenwood | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gordon | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Green Prairie | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 175 00 | 175 00 |
| Little Falls | ..... | 23 92 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 70 | 25 62 | 600 00 | 625 62 |
| Monticello | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 8 00 | 1,810 00 | 1,818 00 |
| Osakis | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Paynesville | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 137 00 | 137 00 |
| Princeton | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Center | 38 85 | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | $ 15 00 | ..... | ..... | 58 85 | 1,164 16 | 1,223 01 |
| Sagk Rapids | 3 50 | 13 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 00 | 689 00 | 712 00 |
| St, Cloud | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 850 00 | 850 00 |
| Two Rivers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Union Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Union | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | $ 74 45 | $ 125 02 | $ 22 07 | $ 31 55 | $ 25 00 | $ 15 00 | ..... | $ 10 70 | $ 301 79 | $ 7,274 00 | $ 7,575 79 |

## MANKATO CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS. Aug. 31st, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letters. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Alden | 1879 | 3 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belgrade | 1873 | | | Albert Warren | 1882 | | 7 | 15 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | 35 | | 35 | |
| Berlin | 1877 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | | 4 | 6 | 10 | 4 | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 45 | 20 | 65 | 20 |
| Butternut Valley | | | | Wm. Powell | 1881 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carson and Delton | 1880 | 7 | | | | | 7 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | J. H. Nason | 1882 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Edgerton | 1880 | 5 | 12 | C. W. Matthews | 1880 | | 10 | 9 | 19 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 25 | | 25 | |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | J. H. Nason | 1882 | | 18 | 31 | 49 | 17 | | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 40 | 18 | 58 | 20 |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 19 | 23 | 42 | 6 | 11 | | 11 | | 2 | | 2 | 11 | 1 | 75 | | 75 | |
| Freedom | 1878 | 11 | 12 | J. S. Rounce | 1882 | | 6 | 8 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | | 30 | |
| Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 3 | Wm. Powell | 1881 | | 5 | 7 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | 17 | | 17 | |
| Hartland | 1874 | 9 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 11 | 14 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | | 8 | | | 50 | | 50 | 12 |
| Janesville | 1882 | 11 | 17 | J. S. Rounce | 1882 | | | | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LuVerne and Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 12 | Henry G. Miller | 1882 | | 6 | 9 | 15 | 2 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | | 25 | | 25 | 15 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | Albert Warren | 1882 | | 53 | 71 | 124 | 49 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 8 | | 11 | 2 | | 125 | | 125 | 62 |
| Mapleton | 1882 | 10 | 1 | O. O. Rundell | 1882 | | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McPherson | 1875 | 6 | 6 | J. S. Rounce | 1882 | | 3 | 10 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | 60 | | 60 | |
| Minnesota Lake | 1882 | 4 | 30 | | | | 3 | 8 | 11 | | 3 | 8 | 11 | | | | | 2 | | 44 | | 44 | |
| New Richland | 1882 | 7 | 27 | Wilbur Fisk | | 1882 | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Providence | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | Wm. Powell | 1881 | | 15 | 19 | 34 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 60 | | 60 | |
| Sherburn | 1879 | 3 | 16 | S. K. Perkins | 1880 | | 9 | 9 | 18 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | | | 70 | | 70 | 40 |
| South Bend | 1859 | | | Wm. Powell | 1881 | | 5 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 18 | | 18 | |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 2 | O. O. Rundell | 1882 | | 16 | 20 | 36 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | | 45 | | 45 | 25 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 15 | L. W. Chaney | 1881 | | 57 | 94 | 151 | 13 | 19 | 4 | 23 | | 2 | | 2 | 12 | 2 | 200 | | 200 | 80 |
| Westford | 1871 | 3 | 27 | | | | 4 | 6 | 10 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 20 | | 20 | 7 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 18 | H. H. Hart | 1880 | 1881 | 23 | 42 | 65 | 32 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 9 | | 10 | 4 | 2 | 110 | 85 | 195 | 85 |
| | | | | | | | 283 | 415 | 701 | 136 | 48 | 34 | 82 | 9 | 37 | 1 | 47 | 32 | 7 | 1004 | 123 | 1217 | 411 |

Churches Not Reporting—Alden, Providence, Belgrade, Chain Lake Center. East Mapleton, disbanded. New Churches—Janesville, Mapleton, New Richland. Executive Committee—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca; Wilbur Fisk, H. H. Hart. Registrar—Rev. H. H. Hart, Worthington.

## MANKATO CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| Churches. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Benefi. | C. P. S. | Other Benefi. | Total Benefi. | Church Expens'e | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belgrade | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Berlin | $1 00 | | | | | | | | $1 00 | $70 00 | $71 00 |
| Carson and Delton | | $3 00 | | | | | | | 3 00 | | 3 00 |
| Chain Lake Center | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Edgerton | 3 18 | 6 21 | | | | $1 50 | | $12 00 | 22 89 | 50 00 | 72 89 |
| Fairmont | | 32 00 | | | | | | | 32 00 | 625 00 | 657 00 |
| Freeborn | 2 00 | 16 74 | $1 45 | $2 08 | | 50 | | | 22 77 | 277 00 | 299 77 |
| Freedom | | 2 00 | | | | | | | 2 00 | 30 00 | 32 00 |
| Goshen | | 6 15 | | | | | | 4 00 | 10 15 | 101 00 | 111 15 |
| Hartland | | 10 80 | | | | 8 50 | | | 19 30 | 120 00 | 139 30 |
| Luverne and Clinton | | 4 57 | | | | | | | 4 57 | 15 00 | 19 57 |
| Mankato | 4 81 | 45 00 | 2 23 | 5 80 | | | 1 21 | | 59 05 | 1,375 00 | 1,434 05 |
| McPherson | | | | 2 50 | | | | | 2 50 | 75 00 | 77 50 |
| Minnesota Lake | | | | | | 6 00 | | | 6 00 | 100 00 | 106 00 |
| New Richland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | | 18 42 | | | | | | 10 00 | 28 42 | 173 00 | 201 42 |
| Sherburn | 2 19 | 8 59 | | | | | | | 10 78 | 646 00 | 657 78 |
| South Bend | | 5 33 | | | | | | 5 00 | 10 33 | 26 50 | 36 83 |
| Sterling | | 25 00 | | | | 20 00 | | | 45 00 | 457 70 | 502 70 |
| Waseca | 36 35 | 90 52 | 2 00 | 20 47 | 10 00 | | 6 69 | 33 00 | 199 03 | 1,353 86 | 1,552 86 |
| Westford | | | | | | 1 00 | | | 1 00 | 45 00 | 46 00 |
| Worthington | 6 24 | 37 28 | 10 47 | 11 64 | | 5 00 | | 19 66 | 90 29 | 740 48 | 830 77 |
| | $55 77 | $311 61 | $16 15 | $42 49 | $10 00 | $42 50 | $7 90 | $83 66 | $570 08 | $6,300 54 | $6,85 38 |

## MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHUR. MEMBERS. Aug. 31st, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP. TISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. School. | Total. | Families. |
| Appleton | 1879 | 10 | 16 | R. W. Jamison | 1881 | .... | 8 | 11 | 19 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 45 | 60 | 105 | 75 |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | C. A. Ruddock | 1880 | .... | 5 | 13 | 18 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 1 | 40 | 25 | 65 | 20 |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | G. W. Sargent | 1880 | .... | 13 | 20 | 33 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 60 | 23 | 83 | 35 |
| Hancock | 1879 | 6 | 29 | C. A. Ruddock | 1881 | .... | 14 | 15 | 29 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | 110 | 150 | .... |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | | | .... | 6 | 8 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Lac qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | R. W. Jamison | 1881 | .... | .... | 6 | 6 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 25 |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | | | .... | 11 | 15 | 26 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Morris | 1874 | 8 | 9 | J. P. Hutchinson | 1882 | .... | 16 | 26 | 42 | 4 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 40 |
| Ortenville | 1879 | 9 | 6 | Arch Hadden | 1880 | .... | 12 | 17 | 29 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 14 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 3 | .... | 80 | .... | 80 | 20 |
| Rendsville | 1881 | 9 | 10 | | | .... | 4 | 18 | 22 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 10 | 34 | .... | 34 | 10 |
| | | | | | | .... | 89 | 149 | 238 | 48 | 11 | 22 | 33 | .... | 12 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 11 | 379 | 218 | 597 | 225 |

**Executive Committee—Revs. Geo. W. Sargent, Granite Falls; C. A. Ruddock.**

## MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| NAMES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church. Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appleton | $ 1 25 | $ 11 50 | | | | $ 12 75 | $ 1,005 00 | $ 1,017 75 |
| Benson | 2 12 | 4 81 | | $ 1 20 | $ 20 00 | 28 13 | | 28 13 |
| Granite Falls | | 15 00 | $ 2 00 | 4 00 | 13 50 | 34 50 | 524 00 | 558 50 |
| Hancock | 4 48 | 6 11 | 3 48 | 12 15 | 4 00 | 30 22 | 1,100 00 | 1,130 22 |
| Havelock | | | | | | | | |
| Lac qui Parle | | 2 50 | | | | 2 50 | 125 00 | 127 50 |
| Montevideo | | | | | | | | |
| Morris | 6 80 | 20 00 | 3 40 | 6 80 | 10 00 | 47 75 | 1,088 39 | 1,136 14 |
| Ortonville | 2 00 | 14 36 | | 2 81 | 10 00 | 29 17 | 1,125 00 | 1,154 17 |
| Rendsville | | | | | | | 121 13 | 121 13 |
| | $ 16 65 | $ 75 08 | $ 8 88 | $ 26 96 | $ 57 50 | $ 185 02 | $ 5088 52 | $ 5,273 54 |

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | Chur. Members Aug. 31, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAMES. | Began Labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. Schools. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families. |
| Ada | 1882 | 8 | 10 | John A. Wells | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 12 | .... | .... | .... | 12 | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Audubon | 1872 | 10 | 10 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 14 |
| Bluffton | 1880 | 11 | 19 | W. H. Forbes | 1882 | .... | 8 | 15 | 23 | 3 | .... | 5 | 5 | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 13 |
| Brainerd | 1882 | 8 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | 41 | 56 | 97 | 13 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 7 | 125 | .... | 125 | 51 |
| Breckenridge | 1876 | 10 | 27 | J. O. Emerson | 1882 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | 20 |
| Crookston | 1879 | 12 | 21 | C. E. Page | 1882 | .... | 20 | 23 | 43 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 11 | .... | 6 | .. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 100 | .... | 100 | .... |
| Detroit | 1872 | 8 | 11 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 8 | 12 | 20 | 5 | .... | 9 | 9 | .... | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 60 | 40 | 100 | 25 |
| Duluth | 1871 | 1 | 18 | J. W. Hargrave | 1882 | .... | 37 | 44 | 81 | 29 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 168 | .... | 168 | .... |
| Fergus Falls | 1872 | 4 | 7 | H. N. Kinney | 1882 | 1882 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 8 | .... | .... | .. | .... | 1 | 1 | 75 | .... | 75 | 60 |
| Glyndon | 1872 | 8 | 11 | M. K. Pasco | 1881 | 1881 | 23 | 31 | 54 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 9 | .. | 10 | .. | 12 | 110 | .... | 110 | 54 |
| Hawley | 1873 | 8 | 4 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 11 | 12 | 23 | 3 | 5 | .... | 5 | 1 | .... | .. | 1 | .. | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 20 |
| Lake Park | 1877 | 8 | 9 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .... | .... | 15 | 15 | 7 |
| Lake View | 1879 | 2 | 5 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 14 |
| Maine | 1876 | 6 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 10 | 21 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 25 | 50 | 75 | 9 |
| Mentor | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Muskoda | 1873 | 8 | 14 | O. M. Smith | 1879 | .... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Park | 1873 | 8 | 10 | O. M. Smith | 1881 | .... | 12 | 19 | 31 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .. | 1 | .. | .... | .... | 40 | 40 | 12 |
| Pelican Rapids | 1882 | 5 | 14 | M. S. Hall | 1882 | .... | 5 | 16 | 21 | .... | 3 | 18 | 21 | .... | .... | .. | .... | 2 | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 60 |
| Perham | 1879 | 9 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 27 | .... | 27 | .... |
| Scambler | 1876 | 6 | 23 | George Johnson | 1877 | .... | 10 | 17 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | 68 | 32 | 100 | 50 |
| St. Olaf | 1876 | 6 | 18 | S. M. Bronson | 1881 | .... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| St. Vincent | 1881 | 5 | 17 | Wm. Ewing | 1881 | .... | 6 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 11 | .... | 4 | .. | 4 | .. | 4 | 30 | 70 | 100 | 50 |
| Verndale | 1880 | 12 | 3 | W. H. Forbes | 1882 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | .... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | 50 | 50 | 15 |
| Wadena | 1880 | 12 | 2 | W. H. Forbes | 1882 | .... | 0 | 12 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | .... | 3 | .. | 3 | 1 | .... | 86 | .... | 86 | 12 |
| | | | | | | | 245 | 352 | 597 | 109 | 32 | 94 | 126 | 4 | 30 | .. | 34 | 6 | 27 | 1144 | 297 | 1441 | 504 |

New Churches—Pelican Rapids, Mentor, Ada. Executive Committee—Revs. R. A. Beard, Brainerd; S. H. Barteau, J. W. Hargrave. Registrar—Rev. M. K. Pasco, Glyndon.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Benef. | C. P. S. | Other Benefi. | Total Benefi. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Audubon | $ 2 62 | $ 8 00 | $ 3 50 | | | | | $ 1 37 | $ 15 49 | $ 295 00 | $ 310 49 |
| Bluffton | | 10 75 | | | | | | 10 00 | 20 75 | | 20 75 |
| Brainerd | 9 40 | 12 40 | | | | | | | 21 80 | 1,900 00 | 121 80 |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crookston | | | | | | | | | | 900 00 | 900 00 |
| Detroit | 7 72 | 11 50 | | 3 08 | | 3 25 | | 7 45 | 33 00 | 660 00 | 693 00 |
| Duluth | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fergus Falls | 1 00 | 19 33 | | 2 00 | | | | 15 00 | 37 33 | 650 00 | 687 33 |
| Glyndon | 43 66 | 31 01 | 15 31 | 7 98 | | 16 06 | | 209 09 | 323 11 | 1,248 62 | 1,571 73 |
| Hawley | 26 00 | 33 26 | 20 00 | | | | | | 79 26 | 660 00 | 739 26 |
| Lake Park | | | | | | | | | | 24 50 | 24 50 |
| Lake View | | 2 00 | | | | | | | 2 00 | 196 00 | 198 00 |
| Maine | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mentor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muskoda | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | 20 00 | 30 00 |
| Park | | | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Pelican Rapids | | | | | | 15 00 | | 25 00 | 40 00 | 185 00 | 225 00 |
| Perham | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scambler | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| St. Olaf | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Vincent | | 5 00 | | | | 70 00 | | | 75 00 | 400 00 | 475 00 |
| Verndale | | 4 00 | | | | 20 00 | | | 24 00 | 72 25 | 96 25 |
| Wadena | | 25 00 | | | | | | | 25 00 | 25 00 | 50 00 |
| | | $162 25 | $38 81 | $13 06 | | $124 31 | | $267 91 | $711 74 | $7,256 87 | $7,968 11 |

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CH. MEMBER Aug. 31st 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISM. | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAMES. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. School. | Total. | Families. |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright | 1874 | 1875 | 81 | 150 | 231 | 30 | .... | 9 | 9 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | .... | 3 | 225 | 130 | 355 | 97 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | | .... | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | 7 | .... | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 20 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Clearmont | 1880 | 5 | .... | Arthur H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 14 | 19 | 33 | 6 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 20 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 22 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Dodge Centre | 1858 | 6 | 6 | Arthur H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 11 | 17 | 28 | 11 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | 80 | 30 | 110 | 25 |
| Fairbault | 1856 | 7 | 8 | Edmund Gale | 1881 | .... | 80 | 141 | 221 | 66 | 7 | 7 | 14 | .... | 12 | .... | 12 | 2 | 5 | 250 | .... | 250 | 175 |
| Gilbert | 1880 | 5 | 18 | | .... | .... | 6 | 16 | 22 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 12 | Dennis Goodsell | 1881 | .... | 40 | 45 | 85 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 5 | .... | 135 | .... | 135 | 50 |
| Lansing | .... | .... | .... | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Henry Willard | 1882 | .... | 16 | 40 | 56 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | 65 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | C. W. Bird | 1880 | .... | 24 | 43 | 67 | 16 | 13 | 6 | 19 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 35 | 20 | 55 | 40 |
| Morristown | 1878 | 5 | 5 | E. E. Rogers | 1882 | .... | 9 | 15 | 24 | 8 | 7 | .... | 7 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 90 | .... | 90 | 16 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | E. M. Williams | 1882 | .... | 138 | 188 | 326 | 69 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 4 | 16 | .... | 20 | 7 | .... | 255 | .... | 255 | .... |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 22 | J. Newton Brown | 1881 | 1881 | 69 | 117 | 186 | 44 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 10 | .... | 175 | .... | 175 | 75 |
| Roes Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | L. H. Moses | 1879 | .... | 6 | 12 | 18 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 15 |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | E. W. Merrill | 1882 | .... | 51 | 77 | 128 | 29 | .... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | .... | 8 | .... | .... | 125 | .... | 125 | 65 |
| Waterville | 1879 | 3 | 23 | E. E. Rogers | 1882 | .... | 5 | 12 | 17 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 14 |

**Dropped—Grand Meadow and Nevada; Executive Committee—J. W. Brown, Owatonna, E. Gale; Registrar—J. W. Brown, Owatonna.**

## OWATONNA CONFERENCE TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H. M.S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. School Benef. | C. P.S. | Other Benef. | Total. Benef. | Church Expenses. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austin | $ 144 51 | $153 54 | $42 05 | $16 82 | $..... | $..... | ..... | $..... | $ 35 92 | $2,500 00 | $ 2,856 92 |
| Brownsdale | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| Cannon City | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Claremont | ..... | 15 41 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 00 | 40 41 | 425 00 | 465 41 |
| Dexter | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dodge Centre | 8 50 | 15 04 | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | 41 54 | 485 00 | 526 54 |
| Faribault | 111 20 | 168 18 | 66 02 | 33 57 | ..... | 15 54 | ..... | 44 14 | 436 65 | 2,300 00 | 2,736 65 |
| Gilbert | ..... | 13 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 50 | ..... | 13 50 |
| Hamilton | 8 00 | 14 50 | 5 00 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32 50 | 500 00 | 532 50 |
| Lansing | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mantorville | 25 70 | 30 95 | ..... | 14 11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | 120 76 | 633 78 | 754 54 |
| Medford | 23 00 | 12 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 25 00 | 75 00 | 741 75 | 816 75 |
| Morristown | ..... | 8 00 | ..... | 6 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 80 | 15 00 | 627 88 | 643 18 |
| Northfield | 164 17 | 166 27 | 81 17 | ..... | 42 64 | 190 81 | 7 12 | 204 85 | 857 03 | 13,143 80 | 14.000 83 |
| Owatonna | 37 18 | 86 09 | 24 76 | 15 15 | ..... | 12 00 | ..... | 89 19 | 284 37 | 2,638 00 | 2,922 37 |
| Rose Creek | ..... | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | 5 70 | 20 70 |
| Spring Valley | 32 89 | ..... | ..... | 5 65 | 7 25 | 43 73 | ..... | ..... | 89 52 | 322 00 | 414 52 |
| Waterville | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,150 00 | 1.150 00 |
| | $575 15 | $696 48 | $219 06 | $99 80 | $49 80 | $267 08 | $7 12 | $463 98 | $3,378 50 | $25,500 91 | $27.879 41 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER

| CHURCH. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTER. | | | CH. MEMBERS. Aug. 31st, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAP-TISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. S. | Total. | Families. |
| Clifton | 1879 | 9 | 24 | John B. Fairbank | 1882 | .... | 3 | 11 | 14 | 1 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 40 | .... | 40 | 12 |
| Custer | 1875 | 1 | 11 | P. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 16 | 17 | 33 | .... | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 4 | 40 | .... | 40 | 25 |
| Eden | 1881 | 4 | 17 | Josiah Kidder | 1881 | .... | 9 | 12 | 21 | 2 | 5 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 40 | .... | 40 | .... |
| Lake Benton | 1880 | 7 | 8 | Wm. Wilson | 1879 | .... | 8 | 18 | 26 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 2 | 60 | 25 | 85 | 35 |
| Lake Stay | 1880 | 4 | 11 | J. L. McCollum | 1882 | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 45 | .... | 45 | 15 |
| Lamberton | 1876 | 2 | 21 | Geo. Holdon | 1879 | 1880 | 17 | 18 | 35 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | 58 | .... | 58 | 27 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 10 | 6 | John B. Fairbank | 1881 | .... | 20 | 55 | 75 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | .... | 2 | 104 | .... | 104 | 50 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1872 | 5 | 24 | Wm. A. Lyman | 1880 | .... | 17 | 20 | 37 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 100 | .... | 100 | 40 |
| Springfield | 1876 | 7 | 14 | Josiah Kidder | 1881 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | .... |
| Stanley | 1876 | 5 | 16 | John B. Fairbank | 1882 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 18 |
| Tracy | 1875 | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | .... |
| Tyler | 1875 | 5 | 16 | J. L. Mc Collum | 1882 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Walnut Grove | 1874 | 8 | 23 | .... | .... | .... | 21 | 29 | 50 | 20 | 5 | .... | 5 | 2 | 1 | .... | 3 | 2 | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | .... |
| | | | | | | | 132 | 212 | 344 | 69 | 24 | 18 | 42 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 13 | 737 | 25 | 762 | 262 |

Executive Committee—Revs. W. A. Lyman, Sleepy Eye, J. B. Fairbank, Wm. Wilson. Registrar—Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2—BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. S. Benef. | C. P. S. | Other Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clifton | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 32 00 | $ 32 00 |
| Custer | | 20 00 | | | | | | 15 80 | 35 80 | 325 00 | 360 80 |
| Eden | | 4 00 | | | | | | | 4 00 | 206 75 | 210 75 |
| Lake Benton | | 11 00 | | 6 00 | | | | | 17 00 | 1,362 00 | 1,379 00 |
| Lake Stay | | 3 75 | | | | | | | 3 75 | 18 00 | 21 75 |
| Lamberton | | 10 00 | | | | | | 8 00 | 18 00 | 286 00 | 304 00 |
| Marshall | 10 00 | 26 38 | 24 00 | 10 00 | | 15 57 | | 13 00 | 98 75 | 898 33 | 997 28 |
| Sleepy Eye | 5 00 | 25 00 | | | | 56 00 | | | 86 00 | 2,105 00 | 2,191 00 |
| Springfield | | 3 50 | | | | | | | 3 50 | 231 24 | 234 74 |
| Stanley | | | | | | | | | | 14 00 | 14 00 |
| Tracy | | 15 28 | | | | | | | 15 28 | 85 00 | 100 28 |
| Tyler | | 2 00 | | | | | | | 2 00 | 85 00 | 87 00 |
| Walnut Grove | 8 22 | 14 00 | | 3 00 | | | | | 25 22 | 275 00 | 300 22 |
| | $23 22 | $184 91 | $24 00 | $19 00 | | $71 57 | | $36 80 | $309 50 | $5,953 32 | $6,262 82 |

# WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. Year. | Month. | Day. | MINISTERS. | Began Labor. | Installed. | CH. MEMBERS. Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | ADDED. Profession. | Letter. | Total. | REMOVED. Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | BAPTISM. Adults. | Infants. | SABBATH SCHOOL. In Church S. Schools. | In Mission S. School. | Total. | Families. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 26 | Rowland S. Cross | 1882 | .... | 40 | 61 | 101 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | .. | 100 | 35 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 8 | 28 | Rowland S. Cross | 1882 | .... | 17 | 19 | 36 | 2 | .... | . | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .. | 50 | 16 |
| Elgin | 1858 | 4 | 10 | | .... | .... | .. | .. | 7 | 2 | .... | . | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... |
| Granger | 1878 | 11 | 17 | | .... | .... | 1 | 6 | 7 | .. | .. | . | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... |
| High Forest | 1860 | 4 | 21 | E. P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 11 | 25 | 36 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 45 | .. | 45 | 14 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | J. W. Horner | 1882 | .... | 40 | 75 | 115 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | 6 | .... | 6 | 2 | 1 | 150 | .. | 150 | 83 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | | .... | .... | 5 | 11 | 16 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 50 | 20 | 70 | 15 |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 5 | 19 | H. K. Painter | 1879 | 1880 | 11 | 39 | 50 | 16 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 75 | 25 | 100 | .... |
| Plainview | 1863 | 10 | 7 | Geo. E. Freeman | 1880 | .... | 53 | 90 | 143 | 20 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | 193 | .. | 193 | .... |
| Quincy | 1863 | 5 | | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 3 | J. W. Bradshaw | 1879 | 1880 | 48 | 100 | 148 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | .... | 11 | .... | 1 | 130 | .. | 130 | .... |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | Wm. W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 20 | 37 | 57 | 8 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 70 | 15 | 85 | 25 |
| Saratoga | 1856 | 7 | 25 | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 20 | | .... | .... | 26 | 69 | 95 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | .. | 100 | 60 |
| Stewartville | 1860 | 3 | 24 | E. P. Crane | 1879 | .... | 6 | 11 | 17 | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .. | 30 | .... |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 1 | .... | C. P. Watson | 1882 | .... | 27 | 58 | 85 | 28 | 4 | 3 | 7 | .... | 7 | .... | 7 | 3 | 2 | 80 | .. | 80 | .... |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | John H. Morley | 1876 | 1877 | 97 | 183 | 280 | 30 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 16 | .... | 18 | 5 | 4 | 525 | .. | 525 | .... |
| Witoka | 1880 | 5 | 20 | Henry A. Bushnell | 1882 | 1882 | 3 | 19 | 22 | 4 | 5 | .... | 5 | 1 | .. | .... | 1 | 5 | .... | 50 | .. | 50 | 40 |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | Charles H. Rogers | 1879 | .... | 66 | 108 | 174 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | .... | 3 | 250 | 50 | 300 | .... |
| | | | | | | | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |

## WINONA CONFERENCE—TABLE 2— BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

| Churches. | A. B. C F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A | A. C. U. | Col. and Educat'n Society. | S. School Benefit. | C.P. S. | Other Benefit. | Total Benefit. | Church Expenses | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | $ 5 00 | $ 15 00 | | $ 10 00 | | | | | $ 30 00 | $ 830 94 | $ 860 94 |
| Douglass | | 6 00 | | 2 00 | | | | | 8 00 | 200 00 | 208 00 |
| Elgin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Granger | | 12 00 | | | | | | | 12 00 | | 12 00 |
| High Forrest | | 44 00 | | | | | | | 44 00 | 475 00 | 519 00 |
| Lake City | | 39 00 | | | | | | 20 00 | 59 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,094 42 |
| Lenora | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mazeppa | | 30 00 | | 7 50 | | | | | 37 50 | 1,081 92 | 1,094 52 |
| Plainview | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quincy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 30 00 | 132 36 | $ 40 00 | 13 02 | | | $ 10 00 | 15 65 | 241 01 | 4,800 00 | 5,041 01 |
| Rushford | 12 00 | 32 51 | 3 13 | | | $ 6 27 | | | 52 92 | 768 21 | 802 15 |
| Saratoga | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St Charles | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stewartville | | 21 00 | | | | | | | 21 00 | 360 00 | 381 00 |
| Wabasha | 33 26 | 21 29 | 11 51 | 9 88 | 6 86 | 35 00 | 64 83 | | 182 63 | 500 00 | 682 63 |
| Winona | 126 66 | 235 00 | 101 25 | 29 95 | 43 20 | | 10 00 | 397 38 | 963 44 | 14,002 49 | 15,035 93 |
| Witoka | | 12 00 | | | | | | | 12 00 | 150 00 | 162 00 |
| Zumbrota | 80 00 | 65 00 | 50 00 | 22 00 | | 50 00 | 18 00 | 108 25 | 393 25 | 1,400 00 | 1,793 25 |
| | $ 316 92 | $ 455 16 | $ 202 00 | $ 94 32 | $ 50 06 | 91 27 | $ 102 83 | 531 28 | $ 2,051 75 | $26,128 56 | $ 28,166 31 |

## NORTH DAKOTA—TABLE 1—REGISTER.

| CHURCH. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTER. | | | CH. MEMBERS, Aug. 31st, 1882. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISM. | | SABBATH SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. School. | Total. | Families. |
| Fargo | 1881 | 11 | 2 | R. A. Beard | 1883 | .... | 20 | 24 | 44 | 5 | 6 | 38 | 44 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 75 | .... | 75 | 30 |
| Grand Forks | 1882 | 11 | 14 | A. M. Morrison | 1882 | .... | 4 | 8 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Harwood | 1882 | 8 | 28 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Hope | 1882 | 7 | 23 | K. F. Morris | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 27 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Larimore | 1882 | 5 | 28 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Mandan | 1880 | 8 | 29 | A. J. Pike | 1881 | .... | .... | .... | 16 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | .... |
| Mayville | 1882 | 5 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 2 | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Oriska | 1882 | 8 | 21 | R. R. Davies | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Pembina | 1882 | 1 | 4 | Wm. Ewing | 1881 | .... | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 70 | .... | 70 | 25 |
| Sanborn | 1882 | 6 | 11 | J. W. Donaldson | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Valley City | 1881 | 8 | 21 | R. R. Davies | 1882 | .... | 7 | 12 | 19 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Wahpeton | 1881 | 4 | 22 | E. D. Curtis | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Glendive, Montana | 1882 | 11 | 4 | D. E. Todd | 1882 | .... | .... | .... | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |

Registrar—Rev William Ewing, Pembina.

NOTE—The delay caused by the burning of the complete tables has made it necessary to leave many of these tables as they come from the hands of the Registrars.

GEO. A. HOOD, Statis. Sec'y.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. | | | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Mo. | Day. | | | |
| Archibald, Wm. E. | 1882 | 4 | 14 | A. P. | Cottage Grove | St. Croix Valley. |
| Armstrong, Robert S. | 1856 | 4 | 13 | W. C. | Alma City | Mankato. |
| Barnes, Jeremiah R. | 1838 | | | W. C. | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Barteau, Sidney H. | 1857 | 2 | 19 | W. C. | Crookston | Northern Pacific. |
| Battey, Richard H. | 1882 | 2 | 21 | A. P. | Wayzata | Anoka. |
| Beard, Reuben A. | 1879 | 9 | 10 | P. | Fargo | Northern Pacific. |
| Bird, Charles Willard | 1880 | 5 | 26 | A. P. | Medford | Owatonna. |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851 | 11 | 4 | A. P. | Glencoe | Chicago. |
| Bradshaw, John W. | 1874 | 10 | 29 | P. | Rochester | Winona. |
| Brown, J. Newton | 1870 | 10 | 23 | A. P. | Owatonna | Owatonna. |
| Bronson, S. M. | 1861 | 9 | 22 | A. P. | Evansville | |
| Bushnell, Henry A. | 1882 | 7 | 30 | P. | Witoka | Winona. |
| Champlin, Oliver P. | 1870 | 7 | 10 | A. P. | Clear Water | Western. |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846 | 5 | 22 | W. C. | St. Cloud | Anoka. |
| Chandler, J. Hayes | Licent'te | | | A. P. | St. Cloud | |
| Chaney, Lucian West | 1852 | 12 | 29 | A. P. | Waseca | Mankato. |
| Chapin, Nathan C. | 1851 | 11 | 2 | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Cobb, Levi Henry, D. D. | 1857 | 10 | 28 | Sec'y A. C. U. | New York | Anoka. |
| Conant, Charles A. | 1864 | 7 | 3 | P. | St. Paul | Winona. |
| Corwin, Charles L. | 1881 | 7 | 10 | A. P. | Hudson, Wis. | St. Croix Valley. |
| Cory, Isaac L. | 1879 | 9 | 16 | P. | Sauk Centre | Anoka. |
| Crane, Edward P. | 1864 | 10 | 6 | A. P. | High Forest | Winona. |
| Cross, Roland S. | 1876 | 10 | 18 | A. P. | Cannon Falls | |
| Dana, Malcolm M. G., D.D. | 1863 | 4 | 19 | P. | St. Paul | Anoka. |
| Elmer, Hiram | 1844 | 7 | 9 | W. C. | Winona | Winona. |
| Emerson, James O. | 1880 | 12 | 28 | A. P. | Breckenridge | N. Pacific. |
| Ewing, William | 1879 | 5 | 28 | A. P. | Pembina, Dak. | N. Dakota. |
| Fairbank, John Brainerd | 1860 | 10 | 24 | A. P. | Marshall | Western. |
| Fisk, Perrin B. | 1863 | 10 | 1 | Agt. Carl. Col. | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876 | 6 | 13 | P. | Freeborn | Mankato. |
| Fonda, Jesse L. | 1873 | 8 | 16 | W. C. | Arlington Heights, Ill. | Minnesota Valley. |
| Forbes, Washington H. | 1881 | 7 | 27 | A. P. | Wadena | N. Pacific. |
| Freeman, Geo. E. | 1858 | 10 | 6 | A. P. | Plainview | Winona. |
| Fuller, Americus | 1862 | 10 | 2 | A. P. | Minneapolis | |
| Gale, Edmund | 1856 | 12 | 24 | A. P. | Faribault | Owatonna. |
| Gill, William | 1863 | 5 | 28 | A. P. | Alexandria | Anoka. |
| Goodsell, Dennis | 1877 | 10 | 2 | A. P. | ———, Cal. | Owatonna. |
| Hadden, Archibald | 1880 | 12 | 15 | A. P. | Ortonville | Minnesota Valley. |

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. | | | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Mo. | Day. | | | |
| Hall, Martin S. | 1871 | 6 | 1 | A. P. | Pelican Rapids | Northern Pacific. |
| Hall, Richard. | 1859 | 8 | 8 | W. C. | St. Paul | Anoka. |
| Hargrave, John W. | 1878 | | | A. P. | Duluth | Northern Pacific. |
| Hart Edwin J. | 1856 | | 2 | W. C. | Cottage Grove | St. Croix Valley. |
| Hart, Hastings Hornell. | 1881 | 2 | 2 | P. | Worthington | Mankato. |
| Henderson, David. | 1874 | 12 | 10 | A. P. | Sauk Rapids | Anoka. |
| Holden, George. | 1880 | 9 | 14 | P. | Lamberton | Western. |
| Hood, George A. | 1869 | 9 | 30 | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Horner, John W. | 1876 | 9 | | A. P. | Lake City | Des Moines River, Iowa. |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878 | 12 | 12 | A. P. | Little Falls | Anoka. |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846 | | | W. C. | Sterling | Mankato. |
| Huntington, George, Prof. | 1864 | 5 | 18 | Carleton Col. | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Hurd, Alva A. | 1872 | 3 | 21 | A. P. | Monticello | Windham, Connecticut. |
| Hutchins, Robert G., D. D. | 1866 | | | P. elect | Minneapolis | Central Ohio. |
| Hutchinson, J. P. | | | | A. P. | Morris | |
| James William A. | 1867 | | | W. C. | Minneapolis | Marshall, Michigan. |
| Jamison, Robert Watts. | 1881 | 6 | 2 | A. P. | Appleton | Minnesota Valley. |
| Jenkins, William M. | 1865 | 9 | 17 | A. P. | Elk River | Anoka. |
| Johnson, George. | 1872 | 11 | 13 | A. P. | Bangor | Northern Pacific. |
| Kidder, Josiah. | 1882 | 12 | 2 | A. P. | Springfield | Northern Pacific. |
| Kinney, Henry M. | 1882 | 10 | 19 | A. P. | Fergus Falls | Northern Pacific. |
| Kinney, Thomas C. | 1875 | 6 | 28 | W. C. | Little Falls | Anoka. |
| Kribs, Ludwig. | 1843 | 1 | 5 | A. P. | Hawley | Northern Pacific. |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1843 | 2 | 24 | Sup. A.H.M.S. | Glenwood | Anoka. |
| Leonard, Delevan L. | 1863 | 6 | 8 | W. C. | Salt Lake City | Owatonna. |
| Loring, Levi. | 1862 | 7 | 9 | W. C. | Minneapolis | St. Croix Valley. |
| Lyman, William A. | 1876 | 10 | 18 | W. C. | Sleepy Eye | Western. |
| Matthews, Caleb W. | 1851 | 10 | | W. C. | LuVerne | Madison, Wisconsin. |
| Merrill, Elijah W. | 1864 | 4 | 5 | W. C. | Spring Valley | Owatonna. |
| Miller, Henry G. | | | | Sup. A.H.M.S. | Valley Springs, Dakota | |
| Montgomery, Marcus W. | 1878 | 10 | 11 | A. P. | Minneapolis | Eastern Kansas. |
| Morley, John H. | 1867 | 1 | 2 | P. | Winona | Winona. |
| Morse, Alfred. | 1847 | 6 | 7 | W. C. | Austin | Owatonna. |
| Moses, Leonard H. | 1876 | 11 | 24 | A. P. | Rose Creek | Owatonna. |
| Nason, John H. | 1862 | 9 | | A. P. | Fairmount | Oneida C. and D., New York. |
| Nutting, George B. | 1851 | 8 | 21 | W. C. | Hancock | Minnesota Valley. |
| Pasco, Martin K. | 1869 | | | P. | Glyndon | Northern Pacific. |

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. | | | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Mo. | Day. | | | |
| Painter Hobart K | 1880 | 1 | 8 | P | Canton, Illinois | Winona. |
| Pearson, Arthur H. Prof | 1880 | 7 | 7 | Carleton Col | Northfield | |
| Peregrine, Philip | 1861 | 3 | 10 | A. P | Tracy | Western. |
| Perkins, Sidney Kingman | 1880 | 7 | 20 | A. P | Sherburn | Mankato. |
| Pierce, Nath'l H | 1860 | 3 | 15 | A. P | Marine Mills | Anoka. |
| Powell, William | 1863 | 4 | 13 | A. P | Courtland | Mankato. |
| Ray, John W | 1857 | 1 | | W.C.(A.P.Pres. | Lake City | Winona. |
| Renshaw, Jas Budden | 1879 | 9 | 30 | P | Hutchinson | Anoka. |
| Roberts, Wm. G | | | | A. P | Spring Valley | |
| Rogers, Chas Henry | 1877 | 7 | 11 | A. P | Zumbrota | Winona. |
| Rogers, Enoch E | | | | A. P | Morristown | |
| Roe, A. D | 1887 | 2 | 5 | W. C | Stillwater | St. Croix Valley. |
| Rounce, Joseph Sam'l | 1852 | 2 | | A. P | Janesville | Owatonna. |
| Ruddock, Chas. A | 1861 | 5 | 21 | A. P | Hancock | Oneida, N. Y. |
| Rundell, O. O | 1874 | 10 | 9 | A. P | Mapleton Station | Mankato. |
| Salter, Chas. C | 1859 | 4 | 11 | W. C | | N. Pacific. |
| Sargent, Geo. W | 1859 | 12 | 16 | A. P | Granite Falls | Minn. Valley. |
| Scudder, John L | 1877 | 12 | 26 | P | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Shedd, Chas | 1842 | 3 | 24 | W. C | Zumbrota | Owatonna. |
| Sheldon, Chas. B | 1851 | 10 | 17 | A. P | Excelsior | Anoka. |
| Sherwin, Abner T | 1878 | 12 | 19 | A. P | Winnebago Agency | Mankato. |
| Shuart, Benj. Franklin | 1882 | 2 | 21 | A. P | Billings, Montana | Anoka. |
| Small, Uriah W | 1859 | 9 | 22 | A. P | Princeton | Franklin, Maine. |
| Smith, Oscar M | 1863 | 2 | 25 | A. P | Hawley | N. Pacific. |
| Snell, Wm. Ward | 1859 | 10 | 10 | A. P | Rushford | Winona. |
| Starr, Otis A | 1871 | 4 | 6 | W. C | Montevideo | Western. |
| Staver, Daniel | 1875 | 2 | 19 | A. P | Greeley, Col | Owatonna. |
| Stevens, Moody A | 1862 | 12 | 9 | A. P | Anoka | Norfolk, Mass. |
| Stickney, Edwin Huntington | 1881 | 7 | 5 | A. P | Detroit | N. Pacific. |
| Strong, Jas. W., D. D. Prest | 1862 | 9 | 28 | Carleton Col | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Strong, John C | 1846 | 11 | 16 | W. C | Chain Lake Centre | Owatonna. |
| Sutherland, Wm. L | 1880 | 12 | 15 | W. C | Fergus Falls | N. Pacific. |
| Tebbets, Arthur H | 1874 | 1 | 1 | A. P | Dodge Centre | Owatonna. |
| Tuttle, Harmon B | 1874 | 1 | 20 | W. C | St. Charles | Winona. |
| Votaw, Elihu H | 1872 | | | A. P | St. Paul | Central Kan. |
| Walcott, Frank N | 1877 | 12 | 26 | Fin'c'l Miss'y | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Warren, Albert | 1872 | 8 | 1 | A. P | Mankato | Mankato. |

# MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1882

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Year. | Mo. | Day. | PRESENT RELATION | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Watson, Chas. P. | 1857 | | | A. P. | Wabashaw | North Western Vermont. |
| Weld, Wm. M. | 1852 | 5 | 14 | W. C. | Woodstock | Winona. |
| Wells, John | 1856 | 9 | 7 | A. P. | Ada | N. Pacific. |
| Willey, Austin | 1859 | 5 | 18 | W. C. | Northfield | Owatonna. |
| Willard, Henry | 1858 | 10 | 21 | A. P. | Mantorville | Owatonna. |
| Williams, Edward Moore | 1869 | 2 | 25 | A. P. | Northfield | Anoka. |
| Williams, Edwin Sidney | 1864 | 6 | 19 | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka. |
| Wilson, William | 1871 | 4 | 7 | A. P. | Lake Benton | Western. |
| Wright, Cassius E. | 1871 | 2 | 8 | P. | Austin | Owatonna. |

# NORTHERN DAKOTA MINISTERIAL RECORD FOR 1882.

| NAMES. | ORDAINED. | | | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Mo. | Day. | | | |
| Clark, Orville C | 1876 | | | Missionary | Fargo | Fargo. |
| Curtis Edward D | Licenci'e | | | A. P. | Wahpeton | |
| Davies, Richard R | 1875 | | | A. P. | Valley City | Fargo. |
| Donaldson, John W | 1858 | | | A. P. | Sanborn | Fargo. |
| Ewing, William | 1879 | 5 | 27 | A. P. | Pembina | Fargo. |
| Morrison, Andrew Malcolm | 1868 | 3 | | A. P. | Grand Forks | Fargo. |
| Morris, Kingsley F | 1877 | 11 | 14 | A. P. | Hope | Fargo. |
| Pike, Alpheus J | 1869 | 3 | 9 | A. P. | Mandan | Fargo. |
| Simmons, Henry C | 1872 | 5 | 8 | Gen'l Miss'ny. | Fargo | Fargo. |
| Todd, D. E | Licenci'e | | | A. P. | Glendive Montana | |
| Wirt, David | 1849 | | | Missionary | Cleveland | Fargo. |

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Of Minnesota.

1883

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OF THE

## Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting,

OF THE

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AND OF THE

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1. *Anoka.* - - - *James G. Nind, Minneapolis.*
2. *Central.* - - - *Rev. O. P. Champlin, Clearwater.*
3. *Mankato.* - - - - *Rev. H. H. Hart, St. Paul.*
4. *Minnesota Valley.* - *Rev. Geo. B. Nutting, Hancock.*
5. *Northern Pacific.* - - *Rev. E. H. Stickney, Detroit.*
6. *Owatonna.* - - - *Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin.*
7. *Western.* - - - *Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall.*
8. *Winona.* - - - *Rev. S. K. Perkins, Plainview.*

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## PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

ST. CLOUD, 7 O'CLOCK P. M., SECOND WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER, 1884

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.—Rev. J. H. Chandler, St. Cloud, Prof. Allen, Rev. I. L. Cory.

BUSINESS.—Rev. J. H. Morley, St. Paul, Prof. Geo. Huntington, W. J. Peck.

FINANCE AND PRINTING.—Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall, Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Rev. Geo. A. Hood.

ON REVIVALS.—Rev. E. E. Rogers, Morristown, Rev. J. S. Jewell, Prof. W. W. Payne.

ON ADMISSION OF NEW CHURCHES.—REV. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis, Rev. C. W. Bird, Theodore Furber.

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—*Rev. E. S. Williams*, Anoka Conference ; *Rev. J. H. Chandler*, Central Conference ; *Rev. J. H. Nason*, Mankato Conference ; *Rev. C. A. Ruddock*, Minnesota Valley Conference ; *Rev. H. N. Kinney*, Northern Pacific Conference ; *Rev. E. M. Williams*, Owatonna Conference ; *Rev. J. B. Fairbank*, Western Conference ; *Rev. J. W. Bradshaw*, Winona Conference.

To Visit Carleton College.—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Minneapolis, O. W. Shaw, C. A. Hubbard, Rev. E. M. Noyes, Rev. H. N. Kinney, Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. J. H. Nason.

To Prepare and Publish a Manual.—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D., Rev. A. Warren, Rev. A. Hadden, Rev C. E. Wright, Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. A. A. Hurd.

To Revise Constitution and By-Laws.—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Minneapolis, Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. J. B. Fairbank.

State Sunday School Committee.—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Northfield, Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. E. H. Stickney.

On The Pilgrim.—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis, Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. R. S. Cross, Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. F. N. Walcott, C. W. Hackett.

# MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Minnesota met for the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting with the Congregational Church of Lake City, on Wednesday, October 17th, 1883, at 7:00 P. M.

Rev. E. S. Williams and Rev. J. B. Fairbank led the devotional exercises.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. M. M. G. Dana, of St Paul, from Isaiah 50:4; "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary."

After the sermon an address of welcome was given by Rev J. W. Horner, of Lake City.

Rev. H. A. Bushnell, of Witoka, was chosen temporary Scribe and the following committee was appointed to nominate permanent officers, viz: Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. C. E. Wright and Rev. E. S. Williams.

Closed with benediction by Rev J. W. Horner.

## THURSDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Recording Secretary, Rev. W. A. James, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Williams.

The Roll was then made out which on being completed is as follows:

ROLL.

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Alexandria | J. S. Jewell | |
| Audubon | E. H. Stickney | |
| Austin | C. E. Wright | |
| Claremont | A. H. Tebbets | |
| Clearwater | O. P. Champlin | |
| Cannon Falls | R. S. Cross | |
| Clifton | J. B. Fairbank | |
| Cottage Grove | | Theo. Furber |
| Dassel | W. J. Parmelee | |
| Detroit | E. H. Stickney | |
| Dodge Center | A. H. Tebbets | Mrs. A. H. Tebbets |
| Douglass | R. S. Cross | |
| Duluth | Edw. M. Noyes | W. G. Peck |
| Excelsior | I. L. Cory | |
| Fairmont | J. H. Nason | Mrs. J. H. Nason |
| Faribault | Edmund Gale | Rev. S. B. Wilson |
| Freeborn | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Granite Falls | Geo. W. Sargent | |
| Groveland | R. H. Battry | K. H. Whipple |
| Hawley | O. M. Smith | |
| Hutchinson | W. J. Parmelee | Mrs. S. A. Smith |
| Lake City | J. W. Horner | Dea. H. Collins |
| Lakeland | C. L. Corwin | |
| Lake Park | E. H. Stickney | |
| Lake View | E. H. Stickney | |
| Mankato | | W. W. McConnell |
| Mantorville | H. Willard | N. P. Willard |
| Marshall | J. B. Fairbank | Mrs. J. B. Fairbank |
| Mazeppa | N. H. Pierce | Miss Eliza Hyde |
| Medford | C. W. Bird | |
| Minnesota Lake | Wilbur Fisk | |

| *Churches.* | *Ministers.* | *Delegates.* |
|---|---|---|
| Minneapolis — First | J. L. Scudder | Dea. L. W. Campbell |
| Minneapolis — Plymouth | R. G. Hutchins, D.D. | H. J. Fletcher |
| Minneapolis — Second | | Dea. C. E. Young |
| Minneapolis — Pilgrim | Geo. A. Hood | Wm. Millward |
| Minneapolis — Vine | | Mrs F. A. Bronson |
| Minneapolis — Como Ave. | A. Fuller | |
| Morris | J. P. Hutchinson | Mrs. J.P.Hutchinson |
| Morristown | E. E. Rogers | Mrs. E. E. Rogers |
| Northfield | E. M. Williams | Dea. A. W. Norton |
| Ortonville | A. Hadden | |
| Owatonna | J. Newton Brown | C. W. McLaughlin |
| Plainview | S. K. Perkins | Mrs. A. Y. Felton |
| Rochester | J. W. Bradshaw | Mrs. H. O. Durkee |
| Rose Creek | L. H. Moses | |
| Rushford | W. W. Snell | Mrs. W. W. Snell |
| St. Charles | D. H. Bicknell | |
| St. Paul — Plymouth | M. M. G. Dana, D.D. | C. W. Hackett |
| St. Paul — Pacific | C. A. Conant | |
| St. Paul — Atlantic | E. H. Votaw | R. W. Essery |
| St. Paul — Park | J. H. Morley | |
| St. Cloud | J. H. Chandler | |
| Sleepy Eye | W. A. Lyman | |
| Stillwater | G. S. Ricker | Rev. A. D. Roe |
| Tracy | C. P. Watson | |
| Wabasha | | Mrs. J. N. Murdock |
| Waseca | L. W. Chaney | E. C. Ranney |
| Waterville | E. E. Rogers | |
| Wayzata | R. H. Battey | |
| Winona | | Henry Stevens |
| Witoka | H. A. Bushnell | Dea. H. C. Kidder |

OTHER MINISTERIAL MEMBERS,

Rev. J. W. Strong, D.D., Pres. Carleton Col., Northfield.
Rev. George Huntington, Prof. Carl. Col., Northfield.
Rev. P. B. Fisk, Field Agt. Carl. Col., Northfield.
Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Supt. A. H. M. S. Minneapolis.
Rev. F. N. Walcott, Fin. Miss'y M. H. M. S., Minneapolis.
Rev. Edwin Sidney Williams, Minneapolis.
Rev. Austin Willey, Northfield.
Rev. W. A. James, Minneapolis.
Rev. A. H. Pearson, Prof. Carl. Col., Northfield.
Rev. J. W. Ray, Lake City.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D., Sec. Am. Cong. Union, New York.
Rev. J. B. Clark, Sec. A. H. M. Soc., New York.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D.D., Sec. A. B. C. F. M., Chicago.
Rev. H. C. Simmons, Supt. A. H. M. S., Fargo, D. T.
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Rev. S. Gilbert, D.D., Chicago.
Rev. Robert West, Chicago.
Rev. F. B. Killiam, Meth. Epis. Ch. Lake City.
Rev. D. K. Dennis, Baptist Ch., Lake City.
Rev. S. Lindholme, Luth. Ch., Lake City.
Rev. R. C. Torrey, Minneapolis.
Rev. R. J. Service, Red Wing.
Mrs. H. M. Shelton, Sec. A. H. M. S., New York.
Robt. Smith, Bethel Mission, St. Paul.
M. C. Hazard, West'n Sec. Cong. S. S. and Pub. So. Chicago.

The Committee to nominate permanent officers reported the following, who were duly elected :

MODERATOR.—Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Rochester.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR.—Rev. A. Fuller, Minneapolis.
SCRIBE.—Rev. H. A. Bushnell, Witoka.
ASSISTANT SCRIBE.—A. W. Norton, Northfield.

The Moderator on taking the chair led the Association in prayer.

On motion, the rule requiring the reading of the Constitution and By-laws was suspended and the reading dispensed with.

The Business Committee reported an order of exercise for the remainder of the morning session, which was adopted.

On motion, the Business Committee was requested to report at the close of each session, the order of business recommended for the next session.

In the absence of the Auditor, C. W. Hackett was chosen Auditor *pro tem.*

The following Nominating Committee was chosen ; viz : Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. A. Hadden, C. E. Young.

REPORTS.

The report of the Committee on the Admission of New Churches was made by the Chairman, Rev. M. W. Montgom-

ery, and the following churches were admitted to membership in this Association; viz: *Etna Church*, Pipestone Co.; *Groveland Church*, on Lake Minnetonka; *First Church,—Villard* Pope Co.; *Union Congregational Church,—Aitkin; Grace Church,—Stillwater; Como Avenue Church,—Minneapolis; Atlantic Church,—St. Paul;* and *Park Church,—St. Paul.*

The report of Rev. Dr. Strong, Chairman of the Committee on Time and Length of Annual Meeting, recommending, "that there be no change as to the time of convening, nor as to the length of the yearly session," was accepted and adopted.

Voted that a Committee to Revise the Constitution and By-laws be appointed, who shall report at the next Annual Meeting.

A verbal report on Finance and Printing was presented by Rev. W. A. James and accepted.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, presented his report which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee. (Appendix "D.")

The Treasurer's report was read, accepted and referred to the Auditor.

### Address on Foreign Missions.

The Association listened to an address by Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., Western Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., on the work of that society.

### Committees.

The Nominating Committee made a report, suggesting names for committees, which report was accepted and adopted and the committees were elected as follows:

On Resolutions—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin; Rev. C. A. Conant, Dea. H. Collins.

On Place and Preacher for Next Meeting.—Rev. I. D. Cory, Excelsior; Rev. G. W. Sargent, Rev. E. H. Votaw.

On Admission of New Churches.—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis; Rev. C. W. Bird, Theodore Furber.

On Revivals.—Rev. E. E. Rogers, Morristown; Rev. J. S. Jewell, Prof. W. W. Payne.

To Visit Carleton College.—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Minneapolis: O. W. Shaw, C. A. Hubbard, Rev. E. M. Noyes, Rev. H. N. Kinney, Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. J. H. Nason.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Rev. E. S. Williams, Anoka Conference. Rev. J. H. Chandler, Central Conference. Rev. J. H. Nason, Mankato Conference. Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Minnesota Valley Conference. Rev. H. N. Kinney, North Pacific Conference. Rev. E. M. Williams, Owatonna Conference. Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Western Conference. Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Winona Conference.

Sunday School Committee.—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Northfield: Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. E. H. Stickney.

On Revision of Constitution and By-Laws.—Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Minneapolis; Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. J. B. Fairbank.

### Devotional Service.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Rev. E. M. Williams, of Northfield.

## THURSDAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

### Widow's and Orphan's Aid Society.

Rev. E. S. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer of the Widow's and Orphan's Aid Society, made his annual report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Voted that the Executive Committee of the Local Conferences be requested to seek out and report cases worthy of the attention of this society.

The following were chosen Trustees for three years; viz: Rev. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis, and A. W. Norton, Northfield.

### Narrative of the Self-Sustaining Churches.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. L. W. Chaney, present.

ed the Narrative of the Self-sustaining Churches, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing. (Appendix "A.")

### Carleton College.

Reports were made in regard to Carleton College, by the President, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D. (Appendix "C."); by Rev. P. B. Fisk, Field Agent, and by the Visiting Committee of the Association. These reports were accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

After earnest discussion the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the success which has attended Carleton College in the past; especially the strong religious spirit which has animated it;

That we rejoice also in the marked degreee of prosperity attending its work at the present time;

That we recognize our obligation to this institution as one which owes its existence to us, and which we have pledged ourselves to sustain;

And, that we gratefully and most earnestly commend to all the churches the effort of the college to secure at once in this State $100,000, additional endowment—a fund imperatively demanded by its growth and its future work.

### Paper.

Rev. E. M. Williams read a paper on the Management of Church Finances.

The minutes were read and approved.

Recess till 9 A. M. Friday to give place for the Anniversary of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, which should occupy Thursday evening.

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## FRIDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Rev. Simeon Gilbert, D. D., led the Association in prayer.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported recommending St. Cloud as the place for the next meeting, and Prof.

A. H. Pearson, preacher, with Rev. C. A. Conant, alternate. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on State Manual reported progress, and was by vote, continued.

The Business Committee recommended, that the Committee on Finance and Printing be authorized to appropriate any necessary funds, not exceeding one hundred dollars, for the preparation of the Minutes of the Association for the press. The recommendation was adopted.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following Committee on Finance and Printing was elected; viz: Rev. John B. Fairbank, Marshall, Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Rev. M. W. Montgomery.

It was voted that the Finance Committee be requested to prepare an estimate of the expenses of the coming year, with apportionment of the amount among the Conferences, and report at this meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of Rev. J. B. Fairbank for Treasurer, and of C. W. Hackett for Auditor and they were elected.

The Committee on Exemption of Parsonages from taxation reported, and the report was accepted.

### The Pilgrim.

The report of the Committee on The Pilgrim was accepted and the following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we appreciate the value of The Pilgrim in developing the fellowship of the churches and stimulating our work. Conflicting with no other religious paper it occupies a field which others cannot fill. We rejoice that its prosperity is assured. We earnestly advise our churches to see that The Pilgrim is introduced into every family in their congregations.

### The Report of the Statistical Secretary,

Rev. J. B. Fairbank, was heard and referred to the Printing Committee.

A Committee consisting of Dea. L. W. Campbell, Rev. M. W. Montgomery, and Rev. J. B. Fairbank was appointed "to

arrange for the better adjustment of statistical dates, and report at this meeting."

The following were chosen Delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. E. M. Noyes.
Baptist Association—Rev. A. Fuller.
Free Baptist Convention—Rev. Wm. M. Jenkins.
Presbyterian Synod—Rev. J. H. Morley.
Scandinavian Synod—Rev. P. B. Fisk.

### Paper.

Rev. J. H. Nason, of Fairmont, read a paper on "Methods of Christian Work with the Young People," which was followed by a general discussion of the subject.

### Devotional Service.

A half hour was occupied with prayer and praise, the service being conducted by Rev. E. E. Rogers, Morristown.

## FRIDAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Committee on The Pilgrim, same as last year.

Committee of Arrangements for Next Meeting; Rev. J. H. Chandler, St. Cloud, Prof. Allen, Rev. I. L. Cory.

Business Committee for Next Meeting: Rev. J. H. Morley, St. Paul, Prof. Geo. Huntington, W. G. Peck.

The report was adopted and the committees chosen.

### American Missionary Association.

Addresses were heard from Miss Cahill, formerly a teacher in Fisk University, but now of the Woman's Bureau of the A. M. A., and Rev. Dr. Dana, of St. Paul, on the work of the American Missionary Association.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. C. A. Conant, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that it is not only the duty but the privelege of our churches to help the American Missionary Association most liberally in its work of educating the colored people of the South and establishing churches among them.

And, that we heartily sympathize with the Association's work in behalf of the Chinese and Indians, and express our gratitude for the faithfulness and promise of the efforts put forth in behalf of these raees;

And furthermore, that we earnestly commend to our Sabbath Schools the contributing to the support of youth in process of education in the High Schools of the Association.

## New West Education Commission.

Rev. Dr. Gilbert, Vice President of the New West Education Commission presented the cause of that organization in an address.

Rev. Dr. Dana offered the following which was adopted:

Whereas, The fearful system of Mormonism is growing in strength in Utah and is extending its fell influence over adjoining Territories, and seemingly defies, certainly nullifies, all legislation designed to suppress polygamy, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse and pledge our support to the work being carried on by the New West Education Commission in Utah, New Mexico and other Territories.

We record our solemn conviction that the Christian school and church are the most effective agencies we can employ to enlighten and save the unhappy subjects of the Mormon hierarchy, and already we gladly note that the favor of God rests upon these and that the fruits of the work are thus far most encouraging, and we earnestly recommend contributions to this cause by our Churches and Sunday Schools.

We furthermore suggest to the Directors of this Commission, whether some movement cannot be inaugurated to rouse the conscience of the American people and unite them in some effort to secure more effective legislation by Congress, looking towards the suppression of polygamy in Utah, and to such a movement we pledge our support.

## Correspondence with the Free Baptists.

Rev. J. L. Scudder, of Minneapolis, reported having addressed a letter in behalf of the Congregationalists, of Minnesota, to the Free Baptist Convention recently held in Minneapolis, and having received a reply. The letter and reply were read.

On motion, the action of Bro. Scudder in this matter was endorsed by the Association, the report accepted and the documents referred to the Printing Committee.

VOTED

To request the Business Committee for the Next Meeting, to arrange the programme as far as possible, so that the brethren may attend the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies and that the ladies may not be shut out from our most important discussions.

ALSO VOTED

That the Business Committee be the committee to nominate the permanent officers for the next meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

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## FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Rev. P. B. Fisk, Chairman of the Sunday School Committee gave a detailed report of the Congregational Schools of the State. The report was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

The Association was then addressed by M. C. Hazard, Western Secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

### ADDRESS.

Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D.D., of Minneapolis, then gave an address on "The Treatment of Skepticism."

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## SATURDAY.—MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. C. P. Watson, of Tracy.

The Committee on Statistical Dates recommending, "That the Committee on Finance and Printing be requested to prepare blank books, for each Church, so arranged as to enable the Church Clerk to make a complete exhibit of church statistics for each calendar month and quarter of the year." Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

The Finance Committee reported large immediate demands upon an empty Treasury and recommended that special contributions be asked of the larger self-supporting Churches to meet the deficiency.

Recommendation adopted and apportionment agreed to by such of the Churches included as had representatives present.

The Finance Committee then reported estimates of the expenses of the Association for the coming year and the following assessments upon the Conferences to meet these demands:

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| Anoka Conference | $158 00 |
| Central Conference | 32 00 |
| Mankato Conference | 46 00 |
| Minnesota Valley Conference | 12 00 |
| Northern Pacific Conference | 38 00 |
| Owatonna Conference | 86 00 |
| Western Conference | 15 00 |
| Winona Conference | 73 00 |

Report adopted and assessment ordered.

## Sunday School Conference.

Secretary Hazard held an informal conference as to Sunday School matters.

Voted, That it be part of the duty of the Sunday School Committee to recommend a plan for the employment of a Sunday School Superintendent for our State and, if possible, to find the man for the work.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Association that the Sunday School work is second to no other which we have in hand; and that we most earnestly recommend to the churches that they increase their diligence in faithfully teaching the Word of God to the children under their instruction, and, to this end, that they use greater care in selecting teachers thoroughly instructed in that Word.

*Resolved*, That we regard it as of the greatest importance that a Teachers Meeting should be held in connection with each school under the guidance of the Superintendent or Pastor.

*Resolved*, That we urge upon our churches the importance of using the lesson helps of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

### TEMPERANCE.

A discussion of the topic, "Our Next Work for Temperance," was opened by Rev. H. A. Bushnell, of Witoka.

Rev. A. Willey of Northfield offered a series of resolutions on the subject which were referred to the Committee on Resolution.

Rev. W.W. Snell was chosen Assistant Moderator and Rev. C. W. Bird Assistant Scribe.

### PRAYER AND CONFERENCE.

Rev. L. W. Chaney of Waseca led a prayer and conference service, which occupied the last half-hour of the morning.

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## SATURDAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with singing and prayer.

In the absence of the Committee on Resolutions, Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. S. K. Perkins and Rev. E. H. Stickney were appointed a new committee.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the Appointments for the Sabbath as follows:

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

10:30 A. M. Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall.

3:00 P. M. Home Missionary Experience Meeting, to be conducted by W. W. Snell, Rushford.

7:00 P. M. Consecration Meeting, to be led by Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca, and Communion Service, Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D., Carleton College and Rev. E. H. Votaw, St Paul, officiating.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. W. Snell, Rushford.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. E. H. Votaw, St. Paul.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. E. Smith, Illinois.

Report was accepted and adopted

PAPER.

Rev. W. W. Snell read a paper on "Permanence in the Pastorate," which was referred to the Printing Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported on the paper of Rev. A. Willey, recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Printing. Adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions were passed with the stipulation that they should be read by the Moderator, at the closing services of the Sabbath:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Association be extended to the Congregational Church, of Lake City, and the people of this place, for their royal hospitality; to the Committee of Arrangements, for their very efficient service in all the details of reception and entertainment,—prominent among which the exceedingly tasteful floral decorations of this beautiful house of worship are to be noted, and to the Choir for ready and valued assistance in the service of song.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby given to the C. M. & St. P., the M. & St. L., and the C. & N. W. Railway Companies, who have granted reduced rates to those attending our meeting.

Voted, That at the close of the Sabbath evening services the Association stand adjourned to the time for the next annual meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

## SABBATH SERVICES.

The arrangements of the Sabbath were carried out fully.

At the close of the evening services, after the administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. W. W. Snell, as Moderator, in a few words presented the vote of thanks to the Lake City Church and people, to which Pastor Horner replied briefly, and the Association adjourned to meet at St. Cloud, on the second Wednesday in October, 1884.

H. A. BUSHNELL.
J. W. BRADSHAW, Moderator. Scribe.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. J. Dyer, Treasurer, in account with

The General Congregational Association, Minnesota:

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| To amount received from C. A. J. Marsh, former Treasurer | $196 48 |
| Central Conference | 29 55 |
| Mankato Conference | 30 50 |
| Minnesota Valley Conference | 10 45 |
| Northern Pacific Conference, ('82, $8. '83, $39.20) | 47 20 |
| Owatonna Conference | 50 00 |
| Western Conference | 14 96 |
| Winona Conference | 88 90 |
| J. G. Nind, on account of 1882 | 6 00 |
| Total | $474 04 |

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| By paid Rev. Dr. Dana, postage etc | 11 32 |
| L. Perrin, Treas. National Council | 154 10 |
| Minneapolis Tribune, advertising | 5 00 |
| Tribune Co., printing Minutes | 235 00 |
| Rev. W. A. James, distributing Minutes | 20 52 |
| Rev. Geo. A. Hood | 5 00 |
| Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Statistical Sec'y. blanks | 23 25 |
| for postage, collecting statistics | 8 00 |
| Rev. J. N. Brown, programmes and postage, for meeting of 1883 | 4 87 |
| Rev. P. B. Fisk, expenses on S. S. Com | 4 15 |
| Balance, cash in hand | 1 68 |
| Total | $474 04 |

Examined and found correct.

C. W. HACKETT,

**Auditor.**

# MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT, 1878–1885—REV. J. W. STONG, D. D., Northfield.
SUPT. AND TREAS., 1881–1885—REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY.

### DIRECTORS.

REV. E. M. WILLIAMS, E. S. JONES. Term expires in 1886.
REV. R. G. HUTCHINS, D.D., REV. GEO. A. HOOD and C. W. HACKETT. Term expires in 1885.
REV. M. M. G. DANA D.D., REV. P. B. FISK. Term expires in 1884.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

ANOKA. Rev. J. L. Scudder, Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. E. H. Votaw.
CENTRAL. Rev. A. A. Hurd, Rev. J. H. Chandler, Rev. J. S. Jewell.
MANKATO. Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. H. H. Hart, Rev. Wilbur Fisk.
MINN. VALLEY. Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. J. P. Hutchinson.
NORTHERN PACIFIC. Rev. H. N. Kinney, Rev. C. E. Page, Rev. E. H. Stickney.
OWATONNA. Rev. C. E. Wright, Rev. E. Gale, Rev. J. N. Brown.
WESTERN. Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Rev. W. A. Lyman, Rev. A. Warren.
WINONA. Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Rev. S. K. Perkins, Rev. J. W. Horner.

### COMMITTEE ON SCANDINAVIANS.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. E. S. Williams.

# MINUTES.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the
MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Was called to order by the President, Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D. at the Congregational Church of Lake City, October 18, 1883, at 7 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Nason of Fairmont.

The officers of the General Congregational Association were elected to serve in the same capacity for this society.

Rev. F. M. Walcott, Financial Agent of the Society, made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

Rev. H. C. Simmons, Superintendent of the A. H. M. S. for Northern Dakota and Eastern Montana, gave an address.

Superintendent M. W. Montgomery made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

An address was delivered by Rev. J. B. Clark, Secretary of the A. H. M. S. New York, on the work of the Society.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D. Secretary of the American Congregational Union, New York, in an address presented the cause of Church and Parsonage building.

Adjourned to Friday, 3:15 P. M.

## FRIDAY, 3:15 P. M.

The Society was called to order by the President.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and officers were elected as noted above.

Rev. M. M. G. Dana, D. D., presented the following resolution on Church extension, which was adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Statements have recently been made and articles published on the [illegible] of churches in the West, disparaging to the work

of the A. H. M. S. and calculated to convey erroneous impression, to the friends and patrons of this Society; Therefore be it,

*Resolved*, By the Minnesota Home Missionary Society at its Annual Meeting held in Lake City, Oct. 18, and 19, 1883, that in the judgement of this Society, with all the facts of the work in the Northwest before it, there has been no overdoing in the work of church planting, nor any "scrambling for places" under the inspiration of an unseemly church propagandism.

No churches are formed where not needed or where the immediate or future requirements do not justify it; and in instances where there are more in number than seems necessary it has occurred through fluctuations in growth and prosperity incident to new communities, and where these circumstances are found to exist, efforts are made to secure a union of two or more of the redundant and weak churches.

FURTHERMORE, so far as Minnesota, North Dakota and East Montana are concerned, there is not only no over-supply ofchurches, but these are not organized fast or numerous enough to meet the religious necessities of these rapidly growing fields, and in this work of church extension as now carried on by the Superintendents of these sections the principles of Christian comity and economy are adheard to.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery presented a report on the religious condition of our Scandinavian population.

Voted, after discussion, that Rev. M. W. Montgomery Rev. P. B. Fisk and Rev. E S. Williams be a committee to continue fellowship with our Scandinavian brethern and report to us what closer affiliation we may have with them.

The Minutes were read and approved and referred to the Printing Committee.

Adjourned to meet in connection with the State Associatian in 1884.

## Superintendent Montgomery's Report.

The number of missionaries employed, all or part of the past year, is 92, which is 18 more than last year or any previous year. This increase came chiefly from the employment of 18 theological students during their summer vacations. The number of missionaries now employed is 56, which is 3 more than last year at this time.

### SERMONS.

The missionaries who have, in a full year of service,

preached an average of more than two sermons a week are: R. H. Battey, 108 sermons; Henry Willard, 112; A. A. Hurd, 113; W. A. Lyman, 119; J. S. Rounce, 120; C. A. Ruddock, 125; J. A. Wells, 125; P. K. Peregrine, 130; J. H. Nason, 144; O. P. Champlin, 152, and E. H. Stickney, 183.

### Prayer Meetings.

Those who have attended more than one prayer meeting a week are: J. S. Rounce, 55; N. H. Pierce, 58; E. E. Rogers, 60; Henry Willard, 66; Albert Warren, 68; S. M. Bronson, 70; R. H. Battey, 83, and E. H. Stickney, 84.

### Destitute Places.

At forty-eight of the out-stations, ministered to by our missionaries *there was no other regular preaching.*

### Gone to Other Fields.

Of the missionaries who were with us last year, H. K. Painter has gone to Canton, Illinois; M. S. Hall, to Wisconsin; J. O. Emerson, and R. W. Jamison, to Iowa; U. W. Small, to Dakota; W. Gill, to Wisconsin; J. B. Renshaw, to Washington Territory; W. H. Forbes, to Nebraska; S. K. Perkins has become pastor of the self-supporting church at Plainview; and H. H. Hart has taken the Secretaryship of the Minnesota State Board of Charities and Corrections.

### New Men.

The following have entered the missionary service among us during the past year: C. E. Page, from Ohio, is laboring at Crookston; Americus Fuller, from the foreign work in Turkey, now pastor of the Como Avenue Church, Minneapolis; E. H. Votaw, from Manhattan, Kansas, now pastor of Atlantic Church, St. Paul; Jno. W. Todd, from Bangor Seminary, is at Paynesville, Stearnes county; T. R. Quayle, from England, is at Rush City, North Branch Sunrise, in Chisago county; H. W. Gleason, from Malden, Massachusetts, is at Pelican Rapids; Elijah Cash, from Indiana, is with the churches of Maple-

ton and Sterling; John Hayward, from Kansas, is at New Richland and Hartland; W. H. Davenport, at East Brainard, comes to us from the Wesleyans; Geo. S. Ricker, at Stillwater, comes from the Free Baptist Church, in Lowell, Massachusetts; D. M. Lewis, at Glencoe, from last class at Yale Seminary; E. N. Ruddock, from Wisconsin, goes to Appleton; W. J. Parmelee, from last class at Andover, settles at Dassel, and supplies at Hutchinson; R. P. Herrick, from last class at Hartford Seminary, settles at Montevideo; R. A. Torrey, from Ohio, begins work with Jefferson Street Mission, in Minneapolis.

The following, who were pastors of self-supporting churches, have risen to the joy of missionary service: M. K. Pasco, from Glyndon, now labors at Brownton and vicinity; J. W. Hargrave, of Duluth, has become installed pastor at Aitkin; and John H. Morley, resigned at Winona, to accept the pastorate of the new Park Church, at St. Paul.

### Theological Students.

These young men did excellent work: were self-denying, hopeful, efficient. Mr. Stevens organized a new church at Etna, in Pipestone county, and secured the erection of a house of worship at Tyler, in Lincoln county. Mr. Plass organized a new church at Villard, and Mr. Elderdice did the same at Stephen. Mr. Cromer raised a subscription for building a chapel at Ashby. Not less valuable, however, was the work of the others not named in this connection, who inspired discouraged churches with new life, or carried the Gospel message to unwonted communities upon the extreme frontier. Mr. Hood explored new fields in and about the twin cities, while Mr. McKnight preached in the new county of Hubbard, and in two other counties,—a district fifty miles north of the Northern Pacific Railroad, near the sources of the Mississippi River and the Red River of the North. Mr. Whalley's field was upon the border of the Red Lake Indian Reservation, thirty miles eastward from Crookston. The eighteen students preached at thirty-nine places in twenty-six counties. Thirty-two of these places were on railroads; and no two labored in the same county. Their names and stations are as follows:—

J. L. Nott, of Yale Seminary, labored at Dexter, Mower county.

M. J. P. Thing, of Chicago Seminary, at High Forest and Stewartville, in Olmsted county.

D. E. French, of Oberlin Seminary, at Mazeppa, Wabasha county.

W. H. Midlar, of Yale Seminary, at Belgrade, and vicinity, in Nicollet county.

C. W. Preson, of Yale Seminary, at Lone Tree Lake and vicinity, in Brown county.

F. Woodard, of Yale Seminary, at Tracy, Lyon county, and Walnut Grove, Redwood county.

F. L. Stevens, of Yale Seminary, at Tyler and Lake Stay, in Lincoln county, and Etna, in Pipestone county.

A. L. Eastman, of Oberlin Seminary, at Minnetonka Mills, and Minnetonka Beach.

E. Lyman Hood, of Yale Seminary, at St. Paul and Minneapolis.

F. W. Tuckerman, of Yale Seminary, at Rendsville and Donnelly, in Stevens county.

Norman Plass, of Yale Seminary, at Villard, Pope county.

E. Cory, of Wabash College, at Osakis, Douglass county, and West Union, Todd county.

J. C. Cromer, of Yale Seminary, at Ashby and vicinity Grant county.

E. H. Burt, of Yale Seminary, at Verndale and Aldrich, Wadena county.

H. C. McKnight, of Yale Seminary, at Park Rapids, and Mantor, in Hubbard county; Shell City, Wadena county; and Carson, Becker county.

J. T. Whalley, of Yale Seminary, at Mantor, Fertile, and vicinity, Polk county.

H. L. Elderdice, of Yale Seminary, at Stephen, Marshall county.

## Self-Support

Two missionary churches have come to self-support; Fergus Falls, Rev. H. N. Kinney, rector; and Alexandria, Rev.

J. S. Jewell, pastor. The former now pays its pastor $1.000.00 salary, and the latter, $1.000.00 and parsonage; both without missionary aid.

The Union Church at Hawley, self-sustaining last year, is again receiving aid.

### New Churches.

*Twelve* new churches were organized as follows:

Janesville, Waseca county, 14 members, by Rev. J. S. Rounce.
Groveland on Minnetonka Lake, 13 members, by Rev. R. H. Battey.
Como Avenue, Minneapolis, 24 members, by Rev. A. Fuller.
Atlantic, St. Paul, 14 members, by Rev. E. H. Votaw.
Park, St. Paul, 38 members, by Rev. J. H. Morley.
Villard, Pope county, 12 members, by Rev. N. Plass.
Stephen, Marshall county, 23 members, by Rev. H. L. Elderdice.
Aitkin, Aitkin county, 15 members, by Rev. J. W. Hargrave.
Etna, Pipestone county, 11 members, by Rev. F. L. Stevens.
Lake Emily, Stevens county, 16 members, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock.
North Branch, Chisago county, 9 members, by Rev. T. R. Quayle.
Grace Church; Stillwater, 14 members, by Rev. Geo. S. Ricker.

Average membership—17.

### Unexpected Growth.

In *The Home Missionary* for September, 1881, Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D., has an article entitled "Leaving Minnesota," in which he says: "The work of organization is largely finished." During the two years, prior to this statement, fifteen new churches were organized; nevertheless, during the two years since that time, twenty-two new churches have been organized. It is not yet safe to predict a pause in the developement of Minnesota.

According to the annual reports of the Superintendents the number of missionary churches organized during the past ten years is as follows:

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| Churches organized in | 1874 | 7 |
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| " | " | 1882.....10 |
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## Repairs.

Nineteen houses of worship have been repaired at a total cost of $2,069.25.

## Houses of Worship.

Thirteen new houses of worship are assured; of these, six are substantially completed, viz: at Perham, Benson, Crookston, Mapleton, Groveland and New Ulm; four are nearly ready for worship, viz: at Tyler, Lake View, Atlantic in St. Paul, and Park in St. Paul; three are only begun, viz: at Lake Emily, Pelican Rapids, and North Branch.

## Parsonages.

Three missionary churches have secured parsonages, viz: at Crookston, Paynesville, and Mapleton.

We leave the Sunday School report to the State Sunday School Committee.

## Financial.

The financial missionary services of Rev. F. N. Walcott have been continued with unabated success, and without aid for his support from any of the societies. This has been made possible by the liberality of members of Plymouth church and congregation, Minneapolis, from whom came nine-tenths of his salary last year. Other States are putting into operation a similar agency. Mr. Walcott reports, raised by him on subscription papers during the past twelve months as follows:

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| For one church debt..... | $ | 100 | 00 |
| For nine salaries of missionaries ..... | 1 | 947 | 00 |
| For four parsonages..... | 2 | 201 | 00 |
| For six houses of worship..... | 10 | 125 | 00 |

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| For Kindergarten Mission, Minneapolis..... | 6 537 00 |
| Total..... | $20 910 00 |

### Comity.

To economise missionary funds for both denominations we have exchanged with our Presbyterian brethren our mission at St. Vincent for theirs at Argyle. There now remain but two places in Minnesota where there exist both Congregational and Presbyterian churches in small towns, receiving missionary aid, and we have made overtures for some Christian adjustment of these cases.

### Legacy.

While the receipts of the Home Missionary Society from the usual sources have been $5.004.02, against $3.955.40 last year (besides $1.056.53 received by the A. H. M. Secretary at New York, making a total this year from usual sources of $6.-060.55), yet these receipts have been augmented by the legacy of the late Rev. J. G. D. Stearns amounting to $2.209.05. This is the first legacy received by this Society, and the Directors will recommend using the funds in a way which shall be a memorial to the late home missionary who bestowed the gifts.

### The Needs.

The greatest need in our work continues to be for *more men*. At this time *twenty-one* more missionaries are wanted for vacancies, and if all these were supplied only two would occupy fields where we have not before done missionary work. There is in this State no surplus of ministers for even the larger churches and rapidly growing towns, while for the fields requiring the real missionary spirit and decided ability at a salary of $700 to $900, there is a painful lack of men.

### Work in Cities.

An important feature of our work is its growth in the cities.

Crookston, having a population of above 4000, is becoming the metropolis of northwestern Minnesota. Care has been taken to strengthen our work there. From being a discouraged, homeless church one year ago, it has come to have a beautiful house of worship and large parsonage, costing about $8000.

Stillwater claims a population of 14,000, and to be the third city in size in Minnesota. We have a much needed work there, and a church has been organized.

In Brainard, a second church of our order is soon to be organized, and the new enterprise already has a house of worship.

In St. Paul and Minneapolis, gratifying progress has been made. In Minneapolis, we now have seven churches, and two more are soon to be organized.

One year ago we had but two churches in St. Paul, while we now have four. These new organizations have made astonishing progress. Pacific church has now about sixty members, the Atlantic church about thirty-three, and the Park church fifty-two, and all have excellent houses of worship. The latter church has recently contributed $95.25 to the American Home Missionary Society. Concerning the fruitfulness of Home Missionary work in cities, let it be noted that the Second church, Minneapolis, which was six years before receiving missionary aid, gave last year to benevolent objects, $1,161.12, while Plymouth church of the same city, not many years since a missionary church, contributed last year to benevolences $61,558.00.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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| Total receipts from Oct. 12, 1882 to Oct. 17, 1883, inclusive | $5 004 02 | |
| Remitted to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer, Am. Home Missionary Society, New York | | $5 004 02 |
| Cash received and on hand, being proceeds of the legacy of the late Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, of Zumbrota, Minn., by Dr. O. H. Hall, Executor | 2 209 05 | 2 209 05 |
| Receipts of the Am. Home Missionary Society of New York, from Minnesota, which did not pass through the Minnesota Home Missionary Society | 1 056 53 | 1 056 53 |
| Total receipts of the Am. H. M. Soc. from Minnesota | $8 269 60 | $8 269 60 |
| Total receipts exclusive of the legacy | $6 060 55 | $6 060 55 |

M. W. MONTGOMERY,
Treasurer.

ST. PAUL, Minn. Nov. 1, 1883.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account ard found it correct, with vouchers for disbursements as stated. C. W. HACKETT, Auditor

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The receipts of the American Home Missionary Society, from Minnesota, for the past six years, have been as follows:

For the year ending August 31,

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| 1878 | $3 719 77 |
| 1879 | 4 663 57 |
| 1880 | 3 878 61 |
| 1881 | 4 302 22 |
| 1882 | 5 345 03 |
| 1883 | 6 005 32 |

# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

## TRUSTEES.

REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, A. W. NORTON. Term expires in 1886.
REV. J. L. SCUDDER, G. A. WHEATON. Term expires in 1885.
REV. J. W. RAY, REV. W. A. JAMES. Term expires in 1884.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, Minneapolis.

### Treasurer's Report. 1883.

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| October 13-15, 1882. Collected at Association at St. Paul | $ 57 50 |
| October 15th, Communion collection at Plymouth church, St. Paul | 27 95 |
| November 7th, Interest on Francis Neal's mortgage | 40 00 |
| May 14th 1883. Interest on Francis Neal's mortgage | 40 00 |
| January 1st, Interest from Hennepin County Savings Bank | 1 53 |
| July 1st, Interest from Hennepin County Savings Bank | 2 90 |
| Total | $169 88 |

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| December 18th, 1882, Paid Mrs. L. W. B. | $ 50 00 |
| December 28th, Paid Rev. C. S. | 25 00 |
| | $ 75 00 |
| Increase of Fund during year | 94 00 |
| | $169 88 |

ASSETS.

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| Francis Neal's mortgage | $1 000 00 |
| Deposit on interest Hennepin County Savings Bank | 134 88 |
| | $1 134 88 |

Vouchers examined and found correct.

C. W. HACKETT,
Auditor.

# MINNESOTA
# WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## OFFICERS.

*President.*—MRS. E. S. WILLIAMS, 1729, 11 Ave., S. Minneapolis.
*Vice President.*—MRS. J. A. PRENTICE, Winona.
*Secretary.*—MRS. M. L. SANDERS, 258, Dayton Ave., St. Paul.
*Treasurer.*—MRS. J. N. CROSS, 221, Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis.
*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. J. L. SCUDDER, Minneapolis.

## DIRECTORS.

Anoka Conference.—MRS. C. W. HACKETT, St. Paul.
Central Conference.—MRS. PROF. — ALLEN, St. Cloud.
Mankato Conference.—MRS. L. W. CHANEY, Waseca.
Minnesota Valley Conference.—MRS. C. A. RUDDOCK, Hancock.
Northern Pacific Conference.—MRS. S. N. MILLARD, Glyndon.
Owatonna Conference.—MRS. J. L. NOYES, Faribault.
Western Conference.—MRS. A. R. CHACE, Marshall.
Winona Conference.—MRS. F. A. POOLE, Rochester.

## CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This society shall be called the "MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

SEC. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

SEC. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the society by contributing annually to its treasury.

SEC. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The duties of these officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions.

SEC. 6. The officers named in Section 4, with one Director for each local Conference, to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the society not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership, and promote the interest of the society.

SEC. 8. The annual meeting of the society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with, the Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society, provided that Sections 2 and 3 be not materially changed, and the said 2nd and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

SEC. 10. The society may establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

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# MINUTES

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the
MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
Was held in the Lecture Room of the Congregational Church of Lake City, October 18th 1883.

The President, Mrs. E. S. Williams, called the meeting to order and after devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Mary Wingate, was presented, showing the amount of contributions for the year to be $1,509.26

The report of the Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Saunders' was read and accepted.

Mrs. L. W. Chaney, of Waseca, presented "A Plea for the Home Missionary," and Mrs. Hart of Cottage Grove, followed with "A Review of the last ten years' work"—a historic sketch

of the Society from its foundation as a "Cent Society," in the little entry of the old Lake City church.

After the reading of this paper the Lake City ladies sent in a pledge of $100 for the new year as a thank offering that the society had its beginning with them.

Miss Cahill of the American Missionary Association spoke of the need of woman's work at the South.

Mrs. H. M. Shelton, Secretary of the Woman's Department of the A. H. M. S., then addressed the meeting and was followed by Secretary Clark, in a short talk.

After singing, adjourned to 9:30 Friday morning.

## FRIDAY 9:30 A. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Mrs. Snell of Rushford.

Interesting reports were heard from many of the churches, and there was a spirited discussion of Home Missionary boxes, in which a large number participated.

Mrs. Votaw, Mrs. Chaney and Mrs. Perkins, were appointed a committee to put in form proposed changes of Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution.

The use of weekly benevolence envelopes was strongly recommended.

The committee on change of constitution reported recommending that sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution be so changed as to read,

SEC. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in evangelizing our native land; and our funds shall be distributed through the Home Missionary Society the Congregational Union, the American Missionary Association, and the New West Education Commission.

SEC. 3. Any Woman's Missionary Society may become an Auxiliary and any woman or child may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its treasury.

The report was accepted and notice given that the proposed changes would be acted upon at the next annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented their report, which was accepted and officers were elected as above noted.

After singing the Doxology, the Society adjourned.

MRS. M. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

## Treasurer's Report of Receipts.

Afton, $10.00, S. S. $7.00, total $17.00, Anoka, $20.00. Alexandria, $12.00, Girls Miss. Soc. $3.00, total $15.00. Austin, $50.00, Benson, Young People's Soc. $2.50, Browntos, $3.32, Cottage Grove, $35.08, Clearwater, $6.80, Dassel, $1.00, Freeborn, Useful Workers, $18.30, Faribault, $60.23. Glencoe,$5.50, Groveland, $2.00, Granite Falls, Mrs. G. W. S. $2.00, Hancock, Young People's Soc. $7.50, Hutchinson, $4.10, Hamilton, $5.00, Janesville, $12.00, Lakeland, $4.50. Lamberton, Mrs. W. W. K. $1.40, Lake Benton, $4.15, Lake City, $42.82, Mankato, Mrs. W W. M. $1.00, Mazeppa, $3.80. Mantorville, $11.64, Marine,—1st. and 2nd. Churches, $7.67 Montecello, $5.00, Marshall, $16.50, Minneapolis—First, $77.00, Minneapolis—Plymouth, $260.00, Minneapolis—Second, 70.98, Y. L. Soc. $9.50, total $80.48, Minneapolis—Pilgrim, $25.00, (Minneapolis—Como Ave. $15.00,) Northfield, $80.00, Owatonna, $60.00, Plainview, $6.25, Rushford, $14.00, Rochester, Y. L. Soc. $30.00, St. Paul—Plymouth, $151.21, St. Paul—Atlantic, $4.00, St. Paul—Pacific, $5.00 Sauk Center, Women and Children, $40.15, St. Cloud, $5.50, S. S. $6.50, total $12.00, Tyler, $1.00, Walnut Grove, $3.90, Waseca, $31.35, Zumbrota, $8.00. Individuals.—Mrs. Dr. N. $1.00, Mrs E. S. J. $100.00, Mrs. J. E. B. $25.00, Mrs. J. B. $1.00, Mrs. D. C. R. $1.00, Mrs. A. B. N. $2.00, Mrs. C. B. $1.00 Mrs. J. S. P. $10.00, Mrs. M. G. H. $1.00, Mrs. W. A. $1.00, Mrs. R. $1.00, Mrs. E. M. $5.00, Mrs. J. L. S, $5.00, Mrs. C. A. P. $5.00, A Friend $2.54, Mrs. W. W. $1.00, Mrs. A. L. $2.00, Mrs. G. W. B. $5.00, Mrs. E. D. M. $5.00, J. T. $8.87, Mrs. J. A. P. $3.00, Mrs. W. S. L. $1.00, Mrs. E. S. R. $1.00, Mrs. S. G. L. $1.00, A Friend, $2.00 Mrs. A. H T. $5.00. Total, $1.509.26.

# MINNESOTA BRANCH,
# WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR.

## OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT:
Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield.
VICE PRESIDENT:
Mrs. Edmund Gale, Faribault.
SECRETARY:
Mrs. Henry Plant, Minneapolis.
TREASURER:
Mrs. E. M. Williams, Northfield.
AUDITOR:
Mrs. J. L. Noyes, Faribault.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

ANOKA.—Mrs. W. A. James, V. P., Minneapolis;
Mrs. Theodore Furber, Mrs. Luther Wheeler.

CENTRAL.—Mrs. Jas. A. Norris, V. P., Sauk Center;
Mrs. Geo. H. Whiting, Mrs. Alva A. Hurd.

MANKATO.—Mrs. J. H. Nason, V. P., Fairmont;
Mrs. E. Cash, Mrs. Albert Williston.

MINNESOTA VALLEY.—Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson, V.P., Morris;
Mrs. R. P. Herrick, Mrs. G. W. Sargent.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.—Mrs. J. E. Woodbridge, V.P., Duluth;
Mrs. C. E. Lewis, Miss. Emma K. Ogden.

OWATONNA.—Mrs. Edmund Gale, V.P., Faribault;
Mrs. Isaac W. Burch, Mrs. A. Knox.

WESTERN.—Mrs. J. B. Fairbank, V.P., Marshall;
Mrs. C. L. Webber, Mrs. Albert Warren.

WINONA.—Mrs. Thos. Wilson, V. P., Winona;
Mrs. W. L. Lincoln, Mrs. H. O. Durkee.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be known as the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior. Its object shall be to engage the earnest and systematic co-operation of Christian women in the formation and support of auxiliaries, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit in all our churches.

ART. 2. The annual meeting of this society shall be held at the same time and place as the General Association of Congregational churches of the State, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. All ladies who are members of any auxiliary society in the State, or life members of the W. B. M, I,, are members of the State society. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to two delegates at the annual meeting; if numbering over fifty, to three, and one for each additional fifty. Only delegates shall be entitled to vote.

ART. 4. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, and a Vice President for each local conference. The first four named officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business the society may refer to them.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch; to preside at all its meetings, and, with the aid of the Secretary, to make suitable arrangements for the annual meeting. In the absence of the President these duties shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to aid the auxiliaries, by correspondence and personal efforts; to aid the President in making arrangements for the annual meeting; to present an annual report, and inform any officer not present at the meeting of her appointment for the coming year.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received by her from the auxiliaries; to forward the same to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. I. and to make an annual report to the society; which shall be accompanied by the Auditor's certificate.

ART. 8. With the Vice President of each local conference shall be associated two other ladies, thus constituting a Conference Committee of three. The Vice President shall apportion the churches of the Conference among the members of the committee, giving to each a specified number with which to correspond or visit. It shall be the duty of each member of the committee to correspond with or visit some person in each of the churches assigned to her, urging the formation of a Woman's Missionary Society where there is none, and encouraging such as are already formed. Each shall report her work to the Vice President, who shall in turn make her report to the Secretary, early in September. It shall also be the duty of these committees to arrange for a woman's meeting to be held in connection with their local conference.

ART. 9. The Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected at each annual meeting.

ART. 10. Special meetings of the Branch may be held at the call of the Executive Committee.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change has been given to the auxiliaries three months previous.

## MINUTES.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the MINNESOTA BRANCH OF THE W. B. M. I., was held at Lake City, Friday P. M., October 19,1883; the President, Miss M. J. Evans, in the chair.

After devotional exercises a statement of programme was made and a Nominating Committee was appointed by the President.

Mrs. Huntington gave a report of the Collins' Helper Fund; and the Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

The Report of the work at Home was given by Conferences, either by their Vice Presidents or by the State Secretary. This was followed by the Treasurer's report, and explanations and suggestions by the Acting Treasurer—Mrs. E. M. Williams, read by Mrs. Perkins. Mrs. Snell then led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Miss Comee of Carlton College sang "There is a Green Hill far away."

WHAT MINNESOTA HAS DONE IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

*Our work as done by Miss Cathcart*—Paper by Miss Milligan of Lake City;

*As done by Miss Barrows*—Paper by Mrs. Dana of St. Paul, read by Mrs. Eldredge;

*As done by Miss Brown*—Paper by Miss Comee of Carlton College.

Our Young Ladies Work" The Bridge"—Paper by Miss Keith of Minneapolis, read by Miss Truesdell.

Mrs. Shelton told of her life in India giving the daily routine; and Mrs. Wells of Minneapolis read a paper—" Some thoughts for the Coming Year."

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and accepted, and the officers elected as recorded above.

A collection was taken, amounting to $4.22, to defray the postage of the Branch.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Strong, with expressions of sympathy for the ill-health occasioning her resignation, was passed.

[illegible] that a Resolution of hearty thanks be [illegible] Ladies of Lake City for their hospitality.

[illegible] Doxology the meeting adjourned to Fri- [illegible] Association.

MRS. HENRY PLANT, Secretary.

## Treasurer's Report of Receipts.

[illegible], Mrs. Jewell, $5, S. S. for [illegible] Total $8; [illegible], Aux. for Miss Barrows, [illegible] for Miss Brown, $20. Total $73.79; [illegible] $0.75, COTTAGE GROVE, of wh. $25 [illegible] Ave. I. L. M., $26.50; DULUTH, for [illegible] Miss Brown $40, to con. Miss K. [illegible] $25. Total $105; EXCELSIOR, $5, FAIRMONT, [illegible] for "Morning Star," $2.25. Total 7- [illegible] $11.25, GRANITE FALLS, Mrs. [illegible], for Miss Brown, $5, HANCOCK, Y. L. [illegible] Lake City, for Miss Cathcart, $25.59, [illegible] $15, MANKATO, $8.38, MAR- [illegible] $22.50, MAZEPPA, of wh. $5, for Miss [illegible] $12, MINNEAPOLIS, Como Av. S. S. [illegible] $2, Minneapolis MAYFLOWER, True [illegible] $5; MINNEAPOLIS—FIRST, Aux., [illegible] for Miss [illegible] $15, Earnest Workers, [illegible] $5, Lowry, $15; MINNEAPOLIS—SECOND, [illegible] for "Morning Star," $10, [illegible] $7. Total 60.90; MINNEAP- [illegible] Miss [illegible], $25, ditto, of wh. $7, [illegible] S. S. "Morning Star," $4.75. Total [illegible] Park [illegible] Aux., for Miss Barrows [illegible] for Miss Cathcart, $157.50, Y. L. [illegible] for "The Bridge," [illegible] for "Morning Star," [illegible] Star" $12. Total $694.50; [illegible] Workers, $6.05, NORTH- [illegible], $23.40, ditto for furniture, Kobe [illegible] Brown, $53.25. Total $399 75; [illegible] for Miss Brown, $108.17, ditto, [illegible] $4.17; OWATONNA, Aux., [illegible], Merry Hearts, of wh. $30.50, for "Ma- [illegible] Total $119; PLAINVIEW, $7.75, RUSHFORD, [illegible] Star $1.60. Total $8.50; ROCHESTER

of wh. $25, to con. Mrs. H. O. Durkee, L. M. $30, ST. CHARLES, for Miss Cathcart $13.60, ST. CLOUD, $10, S.S. for, "Morning Star," $6.56. Total $16.56; ST. PAUL—PACIFIC CHAPEL, $3.50, S.S. for "Morning Star," $5. Total $8.50, ST. PAUL—PARK. Total $18.00; ST. PAUL—PLYMOUTH, Aux., for Miss Barrows $121.46, S.S. for "Morning Star," $25. Total $146.46; SAUK CENTER, Thank-offerings, $8.55, for Miss Cathcart $50. Total $58.55; SHERBURNE, Juvenile Soc. $3.40, SPRING VALLEY, Mrs. A. F. Whitman $1, WABASHA, for Miss Cathcart $28; WAPETON, D. T., for Miss Brown, $3.25, WALNUT GROVE, Aux., $8, WASECA, for Miss Cathcart $25.66, WINONA, for "Morning Star" $134.75,

For Miss Collins' Assistant $228.51 Total.....$2.772.57.

The following sums have been sent to Mrs. J. B. Leake, Treasurer at Chicago, without passing through the Treasury of the Minnesota Branch, and are copied from Mrs. Leake's books:

"For Miss Collins," $20. HUTCHINSON, S.S. $3.36, ST. PAUL, Well-Wishers, $5, S.S. Class of boys, $1, ZUMBROTA, $6.50, MANKATO, $8.55, WASECA, $21.75, Thank-Offering, $.60, MINNEAPOLIS, Thank-Offering, $32.79, GLYNDON, Thank-Offering, $2.25. Total.....$101 80

# APPENDICES.

## "A."

### NARRATIVE OF THE SELF SUPPORTING CHURCHES.

**From Corresponding Secretary's Report.**

*Of 31 Self-Supporting Churches 29 report as follows:*

ALEXANDRIA.—last year received $250 aid, this year raised more than $1,525, the result of business-like method, of which $125 was for improving the parsonage. The ladies also gave $25 to W. B. M. I. Free from debt. Congregations 125 A. M. and 70 P. M. S. S. 150, an infant class of 30 in the parsonage kitchen. The secret of such advance is Rev. J. S. Jewell has been with them since last June.

AUSTIN 18 added, 14 on profession, Church and S. S. attendance good beneficence and other finances never better—the church painted and repaired: a year of progress.

BRAINERD was discouraged by Rev. R. A. Beard resigning in January, who was a popular pastor and a master workman. But since Rev. E. C. Evans came in March they are revived, the church building is completed, but with a heavy debt. 16 added to the roll. A new work at East Brainerd is promising.

COTTAGE GROVE—8 added—3 on profession, a gain of only 4 through removals of members and resignation of pastor. They have secured a parsonage.

DULUTH—has Rev. Edward M. Noyes from Yale Theo. Seminary, who receives $1.200 and parsonage. The business prosperity of Duluth makes a bright future for the Church. A parsonage has been secured with $2.500. debt. The membership is 50, the congregation 70, the S. S. attendance 75, beneficence $200.

ELK RIVER—Rev. W. M. Jenkins with a broken arm finds comfort in a united, growing and prosperous Church. "Tribulation worketh &c."

EXCELSIOR—One of the two long pastorates of our State is closed. Rev. C. B. Sheldon after 25 years with enfeebled health resigned, and in July Rev. I. L. Cory came from Sauk Center With Lake visitors to help in summer, interest is being awakened, and the future is hopeful.

FARIBAULT—24 received, 14 on confession, but many dismissals leave small gain in numbers. The church building has been renovated, and two rooms added to the S. S. accomodations, made necessary by its growth. The Young People's meeting and the beneficence are growing.

FERGUS FALLS—shows remarkable advance. 34 added, 10 on profession, 4 dismissed, families increased from 60 to 100—members from 21 to 51, and S. S. to 125.

Two years ago $100 could hardly be raised for salary, one year ago it was $400, beside the ladies' aid, this year the church assumed self support with $1.200 for expenses, and contributed to the A. H. M. S. the $200, it had pledged them. The Ladies Society raised $185, the S. S. $100, and $50. was given for a room in Carleton College. Most of the members are just beginning in business, or working on low salaries. None are well established.

A new church building is needed, and a building committee is at work. The Ladies Aid Society is active in visiting, and the S. S. is an attraction to outsiders.

HAMILTON—Rev. W. G. Roberts supplied. Union prayer meetings led by laymen have been sustained. S. S. numbers

131. Beneficence $20, and Ladies Societies $19; total $39.

LAKE CITY 7 added. Congregations crowd the new church. There is outward prosperity: an additional furnace, the Young People's Club has carpeted halls, parlors and other rooms; pew rents bring $1,500. $200 was given to furnish a reception room in Carleton College. An enjoyable offering by the S. S. was one in which each gave 1 cent for each year of giver's age.

MARSHALL has gained strength in spite of decrease of names by removal from the roll of absentees. Beneficence has advanced 150 per cent, the Woman's Missionary Society is prosperous, the young people's Bible class in S. S. is very large and the S. S. attendance is increasing. Pastor and people are united.

MEDFORD just after assuming self-support regretfully allowed Rev. D. Staver to go to Colorado. Rev. C. W. Bird came last October, a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has been formed; a new lecture-room built and the revival spirit quickened our hearts.

MINNEAPOLIS—FIRST has enlarged the church and is again crowded. The S. S. has grown to 400 and its singing is rousing.

A colony has become the Como Ave. Church under Pastor Fisher and a vigorous mission in North East Minneapolis, for which a large church has been built, now takes the time of Rev. R. A. Torrey. The evening service, as large or larger than the morning, with a course of University lectures—is made interesting to the young people's social and literary circle holds them during the week. A University Bible Class has been started. Beneficence has increased 3 fold, beside $5,000 given for mission-school, church extension, &c. A revival made the additions for the year 73. All are enthusiastically at work.

MINNEAPOLIS—SECOND has just lost Rev. E. S. Williams in Japan and Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., from Connecticut. Enlargement is required and the ladies have begun to raise funds for a mission and industrial school work.

MINNEAPOLIS—PILGRIM by the help of Miss F. E. Townsley had a precious quickening which they still feel, has added 25, increased the pastor's salary by $300, and the church, the ladies and the girls societies have made the beneficence $92.20—

two and a half times that of '82, ten times that of '81 and nearly twenty-one times that of '80. Steady work does it.

MINNEAPOLIS—PLYMOUTH—in continued meetings after Week of Prayer had 60 conversions, has during the year added 160 to the roll, started a new church with Rev. H. F. Tyler as minister; paid his salary $1,500; gave $6,000 for Bethel and Kindergarten work, $1,000 on Rev. F. N. Walcott's salary and other beneficence amounting to $51,558.65, beside their own church expenses.

MORRIS—called Rev. J. P. Hutchinson from England, built a parsonage for him with borrowed money. Attendance on services and offerings have increased, and many are attracted.

Northfield—had additions at each communion, mostly students. Rev. E. M. Williams says the work is inspiring, the church is hopeful and willing. The offerings of each Sabbath are reported on the next just before asking God's blessing on the gifts of the day. Two mission schools are sustained in the county.

OWATONNA—Rev. J. N. Brown reports all works will sustained; a few additions from the S. S. and some by letter and increase in beneficence of $116, though suffering from removals.

PLAINVIEW—Rev. S. K. Perkins began April 1st. There are good prayer meetings, a S. S. teacher's meeting, a vigorous society of "Busy Bees." 8 additions, 6 on profession, 4 deaths, 11 dismissals.

ROCHESTER—has observed its first quarter centenial, enlarged and improved the church, built a new lecture room which brightens the interest of the prayer meetings, adopted the Harris system of beneficence, and done their share in work, sympathy and gifts to repair the ravages of the cyclone, which has prepared the people for hopeful religious interest. Seven have joined from the S. S., and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed.

ST. CLOUD—has received 24 members, 8 on profession, Miss Townsley's work was a great blessing. Mr. J. Hayes Chandler has become their pastor, the prayer meeting is quickened, and a Young People's Sunday evening meeting begun. Finances have increased surprisingly, beneficence from $8 to $138, total

money raised $2.224.37. Theyt hank God and take courage.

St Paul—Plymouth—has sent its third colony in 15 months to form Park Church on St. Anthony Hill. It celebrated in May its 25th Anniversary with enthusiastic meetings,—a memorial sermon by the pastor in the morning, a union meeting of the 4 Sunday Schools addressed by Robert West and others; in the evening the 3 young churches gathered to honor their mother in a rousing meeting; and the next evening the Congregational Club met and completed the celebration. Though a year of costly giving, the resources are as large and the audiences are larger than ever, the young people's meeting more attractive.

Sauk Center—has had fewer additions than for three years past. A hopeful work among the young people has resulted in a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. No pastor since Mr. Cory left.

Spring Valley—has received 8 on profession and a few by letter, paid off a mortgage of $215, organized a Ladies Missionary Society and contributed to 6 of our Societies.

Waseca—has 10 additions, 3 on profession, but more dismissals. The ladies have raised $300, improved the parsonage, bought a new communion set. Their Missionary Society contributes to 6 different causes and through them came nearly half the contributions. The beneficence has grown 25 per cent.

The S. S. of 200 has increased its beneficence, is moving for a new library and also for a parish library. The young people's meeting is larger than ever, and gives some time each evening to practice singing. The prayer meetings are increasingly interesting. Two members have gone triumphantly home.

Winona—Rev. J. H. Morley has gone to the St. Paul work and Rev. J. H. Crum has just come. Nineteen have been added, 14 on profession, 7 have been dismissed; the beneficence is $1.595.09 and the home expenses $7.802.85.

Zumbrota—is vacant, 6 have been received and 12 dismissed; finances in fair condition.

*Summary*—Sixteen churches report 439 additions; an

average of 27 7-16. Eleven received 95 on profession, average 8 7-11; and 88 by letter. 15 have been vacant part of the year. The finances are cheering; nearly every church has advanced in beneficence, which is to be credited largely to the Ladies' Missionary Societies. Let us thank God and give Him a more cheerful, zealous and persistent service in the year to come.

IN MEMORIAM.

Our dear brother, Adam Simpson, the heroic worker, on the 11th of February, passed to his rest in the skies, from the Sandwich Islands, whither he had gone seeking relief from disease and at the same time a field for the work he could not think of leaving. He toiled there for six months, winning the hearts of all around him, then sank beneath the burden, for the Father called him home.

L. W. CHANEY.
Corresponding Secretary.

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## NARRATIVE OF THE HOME MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

BY REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY, SUPERINTENDENT.

ADA, (Norman county),—Prospering; 9 additions; needs a house of worship; Pastor J. A. Wells preaches also at Lake Ida and West Branch.

AITKIN, (Aitkin county),—Church organized Aug. 1, 1883, with 15 members, and Rev. J. W. Hargrave, from Duluth, installed as pastor.

ALDEN, (Freeborn county),—Had no pastor, nor even occasional supply since organization of church in 1879 until

AUDUBON, (Becker county),—D
meeting sustained ; organ and music
Stickney, pastor.

ASHBY, (Grant county),—Student
cient, summer service, and secured
enough to build a house of worship
pastor, there can be little progress.

BELGRADE, (near Mankato),—Mu
services of student, W. H. Medlar, an

BENSON,(Swift county),—New chu
larger audiences and increased contribu
services. The new teacher, Prof. J. T.M

BLUE HILL, (Sherburne county),
past year.

BLUFFTON, (Otter Tail county),—O
needs a house of worship.

BRAINERD,—The First Church, E. C
come to self-support, encourages a new
near the railroad shops where a chapel
vices by Rev. W. H. Davenport.

BRECKENRIDGE,—Dedicated a beau
Former pastor, J. O. Emerson, remove
3 months by Rev. D. H. Bicknell. In
resumed by Rev. F. H. Bartlett of N. F

CAMPBELL,(Wilkin county),—An energetic,live community; gave hearty support to the summer services of student, Thos. E. Lewis ; church not yet organized ; need a minister.

CLAREMONT.—Old difficulty about title to church property happily adjusted ; now ready for work ; many suffered losses from the cyclone.

CLEARWATER increases its benevolence; has not reached self-support. O. P. Champlin, pastor.

CLIFTON, (Lyon county),—Reduced by removals to six resident members ; yet at a recent service of the Lord's Supper there were 17 communicants ; supplied by Rev. J. B. Fairbank, who also preaches as missionary at Amiret and Sodus.

COKATO, (Wright county),—Weak, but lives and will grow.

CROOKSTON.—Gratifying prosperity in externals since Rev. C. E. Page became pastor. Beautiful house of worship with vestry, and large parsonage completed ; value $10.600. with no debt except parsonage loan of $500 from A. C. U.

CUSTER.—Welsh church near Tracy ; large congregations ; good Bible study in Sunday School ; P. K. Peregrine, pastor.

DASSEL.—Residence of new pastor, Rev. W. J. Parmelee; who also supplies Hutchinson ; tower erected costing $150 ; Ladies Benevolent society, Children's Missionary society, and Teachers meeting, started ; town growing.

DETROIT, (Becker county), A very efficient, small church. Pastor E. H. Stickney preaches also at Audubon, Lake View, Lake Park, Burlington, Erie, and Maple Grove.

DEXTER (Mower county), Had summer services by student, J. L. Nott ; were much revived, but sorely needs a minister.

Dodge Center,—Debt paid ; house of worship renovated ; services well sustained. Pastor A. H. Tebbets and wife afflicted by death of a child spent some weeks East. He preaches also at Claremont, and Ashland.

EDEN, (Brown county, P. O. Lone Tree Lake).—Cheered and revived by the summer services of student, C. W. Preston. This church and a large, destitute field in the vicinity, greatly needs a resident shepherd.

EDGERTON, (Pipe Stone county),—Pastor C. W. Matthews,

FAIRMONT, (Martin county),—Do
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HAMILTON, (Fillmore county),—L
good country around ; many young
have no pastor.

HANCOCK (Stevens county) D

HAWLEY, (Clay county), A Union church in a small village but nevertheless some denominations do not hesitate to organize, and divide the field. Parsonage completed; house of worship enlarged. Pastor O. M. Smith preaches also at Muskoda and Silver Lake.

HIGH FOREST and Stewartville, (Olmsted county),—Former pastor, E. P. Crane, removed to Wadena; had summer services by student J. P. Thing, and now specially need a minister.

HUTCHINSON,—A revival and 19 additions; church site purchased—will build next spring. The former pastor, for four years, J. B. Renshaw, removed to Washington Territory. W. J. Parmelee, pastor.

JANESVILLE, (Waseca county),—Prospering fairly; much need for a house of worship. Pastor J. S. Rounce also supplies McPherson.

LAC QUI PARLE, (Lac Qui Parle county),—Urgently needs a house of worship and a pastor.

LAKE BENTON, (Lincoln county),—Membership 28; ladies trying to secure a parsonage. Pastor A. Warren, supplies also at Verdi, and Ferguson, Dakota.

LAKE EMILY, (Stevens county),—Five miles from Hancock. New church organized, 16 members, and chapel nearly finished; C. A. Ruddock, pastor; Bro. Booth is an efficient helper.

LAKE PARK, (Becker county),—Very few American families, balance Scandinavians; new organ; increased attendance at all services.

LAKE STAY, (Lincoln county),—Much revived by services of student, F. L. Stevens, and 13 additions to membership. A pastor wanted.

LAKE VIEW, (Becker county),—New house of worship costing $1.000, nearly completed.

LITTLE FALLS, (Morrison county),—Pastor, O. O. Rundell, has secured large congregations, and the building of a parsonage; also supplies at Belle Prairie and Green Prairie.

LU-VERNE and CLINTON, (Rock county).—A small, true, efficient band; have had preaching only part of the year; need a shepherd.

LAMBERTON, (Redwood county).—Essentially disbanded.

LAMONT, (Steele county),—Preaching station: services with Sabbath School every alternate Sunday. Congregations large. Revival sadly needed. Laboring to that end. John Hayward, pastor.

MANTORVILLE, (Dodge county),—One member, Peter Dontly, killed by the cyclone of July. Henry Willard, pastor.

MAPLETON, (Blue Earth county),—Dedicated new house of worship costing $1.600, free of debt; repaired parsonage. Former pastor, O. O. Rundell, removed to Little Falls, and is succeeded by Rev. E. Cash from Orland, Ind., who also supplies at Sterling.

MARINE MILLS, (Washington county),—FIRST CHURCH; Rev. N. H. Pierce closed his services there in the spring; only occasional services since; efficient Sunday-school kept up by Mrs. Geo. F. Sabin, superintendent.

SECOND CHURCH—Weakend by removals, dismissals to the new church in Stillwater, death of Miss Edna Huntley, and having no pastor. Sunday-school maintained.

MAZEPPA, (Wabasha county),—Lost their excellent pastor, Rev. H. K. Painter, by removal to Ill.; supplied six months by student D. E. French, two months by Rev N. H. Pierce, and have secured Rev. John Bradshaw, as pastor. Miss Mary Hyde, a member, labors among the Freedmen at Wilmington N. C., under the A. M. Association.

MCPHERSON, (Blue Earth county,—P. O. Winnebago Agency).—Members desire a minister who can reside among them.

MENTOR, (Polk county),—Enjoyed summer preaching by student J. T. Whalley. Community growing.

MINNEAPOLIS COMO AVENUE CHURCH.—A quiet progress under pastor A. Fuller.

MINNEAPOLIS JEFFERSON STREET Mission will soon organize a church under pastoral care of Rev. R. A. Torrey.

MINNEAPOLIS VINE CHURCH.—New house of worship supplied with pews—no debt—good audiences—steady growth. Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, pastor.

MINNESOTA LAKE, (Faribault county),—Members widely scattered; much need of awakened interest.

MONTEVIDEO, (Chippewa county),—Re-organized by Rev. S. W. Clarke, and ministered to for five months, then received present pastor, R. P. Herrick ; a band of earnest workers ; must worship in court house until they can build.

MONTICELLO, (Wright county),—House of worship renovated ; ladies more interested in missions ; Pastor A. A. Hurd has also good congregations at Big Lake, Sherburne county. Possibly there are more churches than are needed in Monticello, but a union or co-operation with some Christian people is imposible except to unite as Jonah did with the whale !

MORRISTOWN, (Rice county),—A precious revival stirred the whole town and some 25 conversions resulted, and church membership more than doubled. The evangelistic pastor, E. E. Rogers, preaches also at Waterville, and aids other pastors in revival work.

NEW RICHLAND, (Waseca county),—Residence of the new pastor, John Hayward, who supplies also Hartland, and Lemond. Expect soon to dedicate new house of worship ; congregations good ; parsonage greatly needed.

NEW ULM, (Brown county),—House of worship erected, towards which citizens there gave over $1.000. No church yet organized ; Christian Mowery is the missionary.

NORTH BRANCH, (Chisago county),—Church of 9 members organized by pastor Thos. R. Quayle ; are building a house of worship.

ORTONVILLE, (Big Stone county).—A revival ; additions ; united and prospering under pastor A. Hadden.

OSAKIS, (Douglass county),—Repaired church, and was revived by summer services of student Cory. Greatly need a pastor.

PAYNESVILLE, (Stearns county),—Steady prosperity under pastorate of J. W. Todd ; parsonage purchased.

PELICAN RAPIDS, (Otter Tail county),—Decided progress since the coming of Rev. H. W. Gleason, from Malden, Mass., to its pastorate. Large congregations ; spiritual growth ; brick house of worship erected.

PERHAM, (Otter Tail county),—Church organized in 1879, but has had no pastor, nor even regular preaching, except for 3

months in 1881 by a student; nevertheless, it has kept up the Sunday-school, and during the summer of 1883, with only two remaining members, and without a minister, raised a subscription and built a house of worship, largely due to the faith and perseverance of a few ladies; then secured Rev. C. W. Bird, as pastor, who also supplies at N. Y. Mills. It deserves a long and useful life.

PRESTON LAKE, (see Brownton).

PRINCETON (Mille Lacs county),—Pastor U. W. Small removed to Dakota. An able minister with missionary spirit greatly needed.

RENDSVILLE, (Stevens county),—Enjoyed the summer services of student F. W. Tuckerman. Needs regular preaching.

ROSE CREEK, (Mower county),—Pastor L. H. Moses removed to Cottage Grove; its greatest need is a successor.

RUSH CITY, (Chisago county),—Rev. T. R. Quayle, missionary, resides here; no church organized yet; good audiences and Sunday-school, and promising field. The missionary also preaches at Rock Creek, Harris, and Sunrise.

RUSHFORD, (Fillmore county),—W. W. Snell, the pastor for 27 years; two flourishing Norwegian churches; one Catholic; the few Americans have three churches. Congregations small.

SARATOGA, (Winona county),—No pastor—almost distitute of good preaching; with other points southward, a promising and needy field.

SAUK RAPIDS, (Benton county),—Has been the only church in the place to sustain preaching every Sabbath. Good congregations.

SCAMBLER, (Otter Tail county, Bangor P. O.)—Former pastor, Geo. Johnson, has taken a Presbyterian church. A promising field; needs a house of worship.

SLEEPY EYE, (Brown county),—Debt all paid; pastor's salary promptly met; excellent choir; valued members removed. W. A. Lyman, pastor.

SHERBURNE, (Martin county)—Former pastor, S. K. Perkins, removed to Plainview; church has preaching services by Rev. J. H. Nason, usually on a week day evening; better house of worship needed.

SPRINGFIELD, (Brown county),—Chapel enlarged, and re-aired; audiences and Sunday-school gaining. Pastor J. Kider has much of the time had too large a field.

STEPHEN, (Kittson county),—Congregation gathered and urch organized with 23 members by student H. L. Elderdice; promising field; needs a pastor.

STERLING, (Blue Earth county),—House of worship repair-l; lost several good members by removals; congregations od.

STILLWATER,—Congregation worshiped in a tent during the mmer; "Grace Church" organized September 11. 1883; 14 embers; fine lot secured; will build in 1884; Rev. Geo. S. icker, pastor.

ST. PAUL—ATLANTIC—Began its work January 1. 1883; ganized February 6. 1883 with 14 members, since increased 33; built summer chapel; erected a commodious house of orship, finishing at present only the basement rooms. Pastor, . H. Votaw. An active, united, hopeful church.

ST. PAUL—PACIFIC CHURCH—House of worship dedicated; astor C. A. Conant, installed; steady, healthful growth; doing eat good.

ST. PAUL—PARK—Held its first service February 1883; ganized April 27. 1883 with 39 members, 32 of whom came om Plymouth church; built a summer chapel in *two days;* a one chapel will be ready for occupancy in January 1884; conibuted $95.25 to A. H. M. Society. Rev. J. H. Morley, from inona, pastor.

ST. VINCENT, (Kittson county),—To save missionary funds e respective missionary superintendents advised this Congre-tional church to unite with the Presbyterians, and the Pres-terian church at Argyle to become Congregational.

THE WELSH CHURCHES in Nicollet and Blue Earth counties e supplied by Rev. Wm. Powell whose wife died in——, leav-g eight children.

TRACY, (Lyon county),—Town growing rapidly; Rev. C. P. atson began pastorate in September; subscription raised for parsonage.

TYLER, (Lincoln county),—Made decided progress during

summer services of student F. L. Stevens ; erected new house of worship ; were spiritually revived : seek a pastor.

VERNDALE, (Wadena county),—A small, true band ; summer services by student E. H. Burt.

WABASHA (Wabasha county),—Needs a larger house of worship and more aggressive power. Former pastor, C. P. Watson, removed to Tracy, and Rev. N. T. Blakeslee of Wisconsin accepts call.

WADENA, (Wadena county),—Former pastor W. H. Forbes removed to Nebraska ; succeeded by Rev. E. P. Crane. A working church and growing town ; shares its pastor with Bluffton and Verndale.

WALNUT GROVE, (Redwood county),—Had no pastor from May, 1882, until September, 1883 ; since then has regular services by Rev C. P. Watson of Tracy.

WATERVILLE, (Le Sueur county),—Town has a second railroad and is growing ; a revival in the church ; the additions to its membership include several leading citizens.

WAYZATA, (On Lake Minnetonka),—Ladies missionary society organized ; dismissed some members to organize Groveland church, and gave financial aid. Pastor R. H. Battey preaches also at Groveland, Parkers Lake, Minnetonka Beach, and Minnetonka Mills ; was assisted in summer by student A. L. Eastman, from Oberlin.

WESTFORD, (Martin county), Isolated, and can rarely have preaching.

WEST UNION, (Fillmore county), Shared student Cory's services with Osakis, and equally needs a shepherd.

WINONA, (Winona county),—Pastor H. A. Bushnell removed to Mankato and a successor is greatly needed.

WORTHINGTON, (Nobles county), Former pastor, H. H. Hart became Secretary of State Board of Charities, and removed to St. Paul, supplied for few weeks by Rev. M. S. Crosswell ; town growing ; church seeks a pastor.

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## CARLETON COLLEGE.

### President's Annual Report.

Our last Academic year, which closed in June, was one of very manifest growth and enlargement in every department of College activities. Proofs of the divine favor constantly attend our labors.

There was among the students the most marked development of interest in religion that the College has witnessed for years. But few special meetings were held, and regular College exercises were uninterrupted, (excepting for the "Day of Prayer for Colleges"), yet, between thirty and forty entered upon the Christian life, and some professors of religion who had become indifferent were brought to a renewed activity. This new year has opened in a similar spirit, and we find that the large chapel of Willis Hall, is the only room in our buildings which will accommodate all those who wish to attend the Sabbath afternoon prayer-meeting The daily noon prayer-meeting, the weekly meetings, and the Missionary organizations are all well sustained.

Last year our students, who were from twelve States and Territories, represented eight religious denominations.

The most noticeable enlargement of the year was the completion of the new building for the Ladies Department which was first occupied January 10th. This is the finest educational building in the Northwest. Its arrangements and appliances seem almost perfect, and it is made peculiarly attractive by its admirable furnishings, which have been donated by generous individuals and churches in the State. Especially to be noticed are the large photographs, engravings and paintings which adorn the walls. This Hall well endures the test of actual use and even beyond expectation proves convenient and helpful. Its value as an educating power is plainly seen in

the pride which the young ladies all feel in caring for their beautiful surroundings, and in their interest in the minutest details of the new home. Young men who choose to do so take their meals at the Ladies Hall, and there are now in all over 150 boarders. The Boarding Department under the able management of the Matron, Miss Lincoln, is giving entire satisfaction. There is no aim to make it a source of profit to the College, but only to furnish, at cost, board perfectly acceptable to all students and teachers alike.

The Musical Department was largely increased during the year, advancing twenty per cent. in students in instrumental music, and fifty per cent. in voice culture, requiring three teachers. This fall four teachers are employed. A thorough musical course has been arranged from which graduates will soon be sent forth.

The Astronomical Observatory has been almost doubled in size, and its facilities multiplied. It has been visited by high school classes from various towns in the State, and these as well as teachers and friends from abroad are always welcome. In connection with Harvard College Observatory, according to a plan recently formed, regular work in star-observations will soon be undertaken. A new large Meridian Circle, to cost about $5,000.00, has been ordered from Germany. This is the generous gift of a business young man of Minnesota who has long been interested in the practical work of the Observatory. This year the appointment of an assistant teacher in the Astronomical Department renders it possible, more fully than ever before, to enter upon systematic work in astronomy.

The "Siderial Messenger," a magazine devoted exclusively to Astronomy, and patronized by the leading Astronomers of this country and some in Europe, has done much to bring our College into wide and favorable notice. It is, however, a private enterprise, depending entirely upon Prof. Payne.

The *public time service* for the railroad companies of Minnesota and adjoining States is in excellent condition, owing especially to the cordial co-operation of the Telegraph Co., which permits two signals each day; one at noon and one at 9 P. M. The telegraph wires of the different Railroad companies

are so connected with the regulator at Northfield, that the time is given automatically and with the utmost accuracy. Arrangements are also being made to use the telephone for the distribution of the time to distant points.

Nearly all the Railroad companies of this Continent have recently agreed upon a certain new standard of time, according to which they will run all trains on and after the 17th. of November next. That for the Interior is the 90th. meridian of Longitude which (very nearly) passes through New Orleans, Memphis and Madison, Wis. The time for Minnesota hereafter in use according to the new standard is 12 minutes 36 seconds faster than that heretofore in use.

For the Biological Department a new labratory has been completed and furnished and meets admirably the wants of our students. New chemical and physical apparatus has also been procured.

The Library has valuable additions by bequest. Rev. J. G. D. Stearns of Zumbrota gave by will 166 volumes, and Mr. H. M. Tapley of Cambridge Massachusetts more than 500 volumes. These in the line of Biblical Literature, are of unusually high value. Our Library now contains about 5,000 volumes, but these come far short of our wants. Quite recently a valued friend of the College at the East, has given $1.000 toward a Library Endowment Fund, the income of which may be appropriated each year for new books.

Some changes in our corps of teachers should be mentioned. Much to our regret Professor L. B. Sperry has felt compelled by ill health to resign. His place is supplied for the present, by one of our graduates, L. W. Chaney Jr. Miss Searle, a devoted teacher, closed her work with us in June, and has just sailed for Japan, as a missionary of the Am. Board at Kobe, where she will be associated with Miss Brown, who graduated at Carleton in 1882. Her place is filled by Miss Hunt from Lawrence University, Wis. Professor C. H. Cooper, a teacher last year at Dartmouth College, has taken the chair of History and Political Economy, formerly held by Professor J. B. Clark.

This new year has opened with a much larger attendance

than ever before. Two hundred and eighty-five have been enrolled in the different departments this term. The new Ladies' Hall, which was expected to meet for several years all our requirements, is more than full. Rooms designed for general use have been divided up into dormitories and still the demand is beyond the supply. What is to be done is a question awaiting a satisfactory answer.

With all the blessing that has attended the College, our present financial condition awakens solicitude and demands efficient action. The expenditures of the past year have been far beyond our receipts, although these have been large. We gratefully state the fact that in addition to all other sums received, and they have been many, fifteen thousand dollars have come from the estate of John B. Eldredge of Hartford Connecticut, and twelve thousand dollars from Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia. The latter was for the new Scientific Building which is to be a memorial of the donor's son, and is now called "Williams Hall." But for these additions to our resources, our embarrassment would be much greater.

We have now an indebtedness of $20,000, for which some of our trustees are personally holden. Our current expenses annually exceed our income by about $5,500.00 so that we are steadily running behind; and this of course if continued must lead to financial disaster. There is a two fold reason for this deficit, viz: the lessening rates of interest on our endowment funds, and the necessary increase of expenditure incident to larger numbers and better facilities. This deficit is owing to no fault of ours, but is a natural consequence of the influx of foreign capital and the increase of our population; but the fact abides none the less.

Wherein lies the remedy? It lies in an immediate and large increase of our endowment funds. This, and this only, will provide a sufficient and permanent release from financial straits. Nothing can be more apparent than both the *necessity* and the *wisdom* of carrying to immediate success the proposed plan of raising in our State the sum of $100,000.00 as an additional endowment. Without such an increase, it will be impossible for the College to realize its plans for the immediate

future, or to carry forward as it ought, the grand work in behalf of Christian education, which God's Providences have put into our hands. We cannot lay aside our responsibilities. They are ours, and ours by the Divine blessing bestowed in answer to the prayers of those who have long desired in our State a College of a high standard of scholarship, pervaded by an earnest religious spirit.

God forbid that we should now fail to appreciate our great opportunity, of neglect to discharge efficiently and gratefully, the obligations resting upon us.

JAMES W. STRONG,
Pres't. Carleton College.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

It is the grateful privelege of your committee to report a great advance in every direction as to the beneficence of our churches.

The aggregate of benevolent contributions reported for 1882 was $25.907, a little more that twice that of 1881.

The aggregate for 1883 is $81.540, which is more than *three* times the grand showing of 1882, and more than *six* times the amount reported for 1881.

It is to be noted, however, that much the greater part of this large aggregate of 1883 is scheduled under the head "Other Beneficence," which indicates that it is made up for the most part of gifts to special objects and so does not fairly represent the regular beneficence of the churches.

In order therefore to a more just view of the facts, leaving out of the calculation all that is embraced under the head

"Other Beneficence" and regarding only what remains, we would compare the present with the past. And still the evidences of marked advance appear on every hand. As thus viewed the total for 1883 is $15.287, against $10.030 for 1882—an increase of $5.257, or a little more than 50 per cent.

It appears also that this increase is shared by *all* the objects named on the schedule, the Congregational Union gaining $783, or 93 per cent, the A. H. M. S. $2.964, or 40 per cent. the Am. Board $412, or 32 per cent.

Then too the number of contributing churches has risen from 93 in 1882 to 111 in 1883. And this gain in contributing churches is also well distributed among the several societies: the Cong. Un. and A. M. A. gaining each 8 churches, the A. H. M. S., 4, and the Am. Board, 3.

The number of Sabbath Schools contributing is larger and the amount given by them is greater than appears on last year's report.

It is quite evident also that the number of churches that are using some system or plan in their benevolent collections is steadily increasing.

The report we have to bring is therefore in every view gladsome and encouraging.

JOHN B. FAIRBANK,
Chairman of Committee.

Annual Meeting Second Wednesday in October.

| | Organized Oct. 24, 1856. | Place of Meeting. | Moderator. | Recording Secretary. | Corresponding Secretary. | Statistical Secretary. | Preacher and Text. |
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| 1 | 1856 | St. Anthony... | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe... | ..... | Rev. W R Stevens, John 1:4 |
| 2 | 1857 | Prescot, Wis. | Rev. L. Armsby..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe... | ..... | Rev. C B Sheldon, 2 Cor. 4:7 |
| 3 | 1858 | Faribault..... | Rev. D. Andrews..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. C. Secombe... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. Richard Hall, Rev. 11:15 |
| 4 | 1859 | Winona..... | Rev. C. Secombe.... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. L Armsby. Rev. 3:8 |
| 5 | 1860 | St. Paul ..... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. D Andrews, Isa. 55,10, 11 |
| 6 | 1861 | Anoka. ..... | Rev. O. Thomas..... | Rev. C. B. Sheldon.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. A S Fisk, Phil. 4:6 |
| 7 | 1862 | Northfield ..... | Rev. Chas. Shedd.... | Rev. A. K. Packard.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. Charles Shedd, 2 Thes. 2:13 |
| 8 | 1863 | Lake City..... | Rev. W. R. Stevens.. | Rev. A. K. Packard.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. J W Millen, John 17:20, 21 |
| 9 | 1864 | Rochester..... | Bro. C. M. Goodsell.. | Rev. A K. Packard.. | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. C Secombe, Prov. 14:10 |
| 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis ... | Bro. R. G. Lincoln... | Rev. J. F. Dudley.... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe .. | Rev. D Burt, Eph. 2:1 |
| 11 | 1866 | Faribault. .... | Bro. W. G. Copp.... | Rev. J. F. Dudley.... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. A B Smith, Matt. 23:8 |
| 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud..... | Rev. J. W. Strong... | Rev. J. F. Dudley.... | Rev. D. Burt..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. E J Hart, Luke 19:11, 27 |
| 13 | 1868 | Austin..... | Bro. L W. Furber... | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A Fuller..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. A Fuller, Job. 40:3, 42:5, 6 |
| 14 | 1869 | Owatonna ..... | Bro. J L. Noyes..... | Rev. L. S. Griggs.... | Rev. A. Fuller..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. E Gale, John 4:22, 12 |
| 15 | 1870 | Northfield ..... | Bro. R. J. Baldwin.. | Rev. H. A. Stimson.. | Rev. A. Fuller..... | Rev. C. Secombe.. | Rev. W B Dada, Mark 4:28 |
| 16 | 1871 | St. Anthony... | Pres. J. W. Strong... | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter.... | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C C Salter, Isa. 40:3 |
| 17 | 1872 | Lake City..... | Rev. S. H. Barteau... | Rev. H. A. Stimson. | Rev. C. C. Salter.... | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. E M Williams, Rom. 1:16 |
| 18 | 1873 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page..... | Rev. H. Bumsted.... | Rev. N. C. Chapin.. | Rev. R. Hall.... .. | Rev. H M Tenney, Phil. 2:15 |
| 19 | 1874 | Winona..... | Rev. H. A. Stinson... | Rev. H. Bumsted.... | Rev. N. C. Chapin.. | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. C M Terry, 1 Cor. 3 9, 17 |
| 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis ... | Rev. L. H. Cobb..... | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C. Chapin.. | Rev. R. Hall..... | Rev. J W Ray, Rom. 1:16 |
| 21 | 1876 | Austin..... | Rev. E. M. Williams. | Rev. C. A. Hampton | Rev. N. C. Chapin.. | Bro. W. Cheney... | Rev. Geo. A Hood, Eph. 3:8 |
| 22 | 1877 | Faribault..... | Rev. David Burt..... | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rev. N. C. Chapin.. | Bro. W. Cheney... | Rev. C W Merrill, 2 Tim. 4.2 |
| 23 | 1878 | Mankato..... | Rev. D. L. Leonard.. | Bro. Wm. Cheney... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Bro. W. Cheney... | Rev. J H Morley, Matt. 16:15, 16 |
| 24 | 1879 | E. Minneapolis | Hon. A. H. Young... | Rev. Geo. A. Hood... | Rev L. W. Chaney. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. D L Leonard, Heb. 11:1 |
| 25 | 1880 | Northfield ..... | Rev. L. W. Chaney.. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. J W Bradshaw, Matt. 28:28. 10 |
| 26 | 1881 | Rochester..... | Rev. Geo. A. Hood... | Rev. Geo. A. Hood... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Rev. Geo. A. Hood | Rev. C E Wright, Matt. 11:4 |
| 27 | 1882 | St. Paul..... | Bro. H. W. Page..... | Rev. W. A. James.... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Rev. J. B. Fairbank | Rev. R G Hutchins, DD Matt. 16:14.15 |
| 28 | 1883 | Lake City..... | Rev. J. W. Bradshaw | Rev. W. A. James... | Rev. L. W. Chaney. | Rev. J. B. Fairbank | Rev. M M G Dana, DD Isa. 50:4 |

# 1. Anoka Conference. Register.

Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday of May, 1884, at Anoka. J. G. NIND, Minneapolis, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPT'SM | | SUN. SCH'S | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Church S. S. | Mission S. S. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Afton | 1858 | 6 | 24 | | | | 3 | 12 | 15 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | .... |
| Anoka | 1855 | 5 | 6 | M A Stevens | 1881 | .... | 28 | 72 | 100 | 10 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 145 | .... | 145 | 100 |
| Brownton | 1875 | 11 | 12 | M K Pasco | 1883 | .... | 10 | 16 | 26 | 10 | .... | 3 | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 55 | 25 | 80 | 85 |
| Cottage Grove | 1858 | 12 | 29 | | | .... | 32 | 54 | 86 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | 1 | 3 | 50 | 40 | 90 | 40 |
| Dassel | 1878 | 2 | 25 | W J Parmelee | 1883 | .... | 8 | 23 | 31 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 110 | .... | 110 | 25 |
| Elk River—Unit'd Chris'n | 1875 | 2 | 7 | W M Jenkins | 1878 | .... | 28 | 53 | 81 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 175 | .... | 175 | 65 |
| Excelsior | 1853 | 7 | 17 | I L Cory | 1883 | .... | 48 | 76 | 124 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 125 | 25 | 150 | 50 |
| Glencoe | 1857 | 9 | 14 | D M Lewis | 1883 | .... | 11 | 26 | 37 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 65 | .... | 65 | 30 |
| Groveland | 1882 | 11 | 28 | R H Battey | 1882 | .... | 3 | 12 | 15 | .... | 2 | 13 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | 35 | 15 | 50 | 20 |
| Hutchinson | 1878 | 10 | 18 | W J Parmelee | 1883 | .... | 19 | 25 | 44 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 19 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | 14 | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | .... |
| Lakeland | 1858 | 5 | 6 | C L Corwin | 1881 | .... | 3 | 11 | 14 | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | .... | 45 | 15 |
| Marine Mills—First | 1858 | 2 | 8 | | | .... | 2 | 8 | 10 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 48 | .... | 48 | 22 |
| Marine Mills—Second | 1878 | 2 | 6 | | | .... | 6 | 17 | 23 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 20 |
| Minneapolis. First | 1851 | 11 | 16 | J L Scudder | 1882 | 1882 | 100 | 122 | 222 | .... | 26 | 48 | 74 | 3 | 18 | .... | 21 | 13 | 6 | 460 | 150 | 610 | 200 |
| Plymouth | 1857 | 4 | 28 | R G Hutchins | 1882 | 1883 | 286 | 416 | 702 | 25 | 72 | 88 | 160 | 6 | 20 | .... | 26 | 35 | 5 | 350 | 250 | 600 | 300 |
| Second | 1867 | 10 | 14 | | | .... | 57 | 130 | 187 | 25 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 2 | 12 | .... | 14 | .... | .... | 150 | .... | 150 | .... |
| Pilgrim | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Geo A Hood | 1877 | 1877 | 57 | 93 | 150 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 1 | 3 | .... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 211 | 50 | 261 | 75 |
| Vine | 1882 | 2 | 9 | S V S Fisher | 1882 | 1882 | 13 | 22 | 35 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 25 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 125 | .... | 125 | 70 |
| Como Ave | 1882 | 12 | 10 | A Fuller | 1882 | .... | 10 | 16 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 7 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 47 | .... | 47 | 24 |
| Union | 1883 | 3 | 14 | H P Trier | 1883 | .... | 7 | 9 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 20 |
| Preston Lake | 1871 | 9 | 10 | M K Pasco | 1883 | .... | 12 | 22 | 34 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | 50 | 85 | 67 |
| Stillwater—Grace | 1883 | 9 | 11 | George S Ricker | 1883 | .... | 5 | 9 | 14 | .... | 1 | 13 | 14 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 25 |
| St. Paul—Plymouth | 1858 | 6 | 17 | M M G Dana | 1878 | 1878 | 164 | 242 | 406 | .... | 9 | 16 | 25 | 7 | 44 | .... | 51 | 3 | 3 | 225 | 100 | 325 | 200 |
| St. Paul—Pacific | 1882 | 1 | 31 | C A Conant | 1882 | .... | 17 | 24 | 41 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 15 | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 200 | .... | 200 | 40 |
| St. Paul—Atlantic | 1883 | 2 | 6 | E H Volaw | 1883 | .... | 10 | 15 | 25 | .... | 1 | 9 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 68 | .... | 68 | 36 |
| St. Paul—Park | 1883 | 4 | 1 | J H Morley | 1883 | .... | 17 | 29 | 46 | .... | 2 | 7 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 47 | .... | 47 | 30 |
| Wayzata | 1881 | 5 | 27 | R H Battey | 1882 | .... | 11 | 23 | 34 | 4 | .... | 16 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 65 | 25 | 90 | 24 |
| 27 Churches. | | | | 19 Ministers. | | | 967 | 1477 | 2444 | 177 | 170 | 294 | 470 | 23 | 117 | 60 | 140 | 86 | 46 | 3181 | 530 | 3711 | 1623 |

CHURCHES—New: Groveland, Minneapolis—Como Ave.,—Union, St. Paul—Atlantic,—Park, Stillwater—Grace; Dropped: Cokato.

## Beneficence and Church Expenses. For the year ending August, 31, 1883.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.C. | COL. ED. SOCIETY | CONG.S.S. AND PUB.SOC | NEW W. ED.COM. | OTHER BENEF. | S. S. BENEF. | TOTAL BENEF. | CHURCH EXPENSES. | GRAND TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afton | 25 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 6 00 | | | | | 8 00 | 69 00 | 75 00 | 144 00 |
| Anoka | 29 18 | 60 00 | | 10 00 | | | | 16 71 | 6 50 | 122 34 | 1254 50 | 1376 84 |
| Brownton | 9 54 | 10 65 | | | | | | | | 20 19 | 285 00 | 305 19 |
| Cottage Grove | 80 33 | 81 33 | 28 34 | 1 50 | | | | | | 100 50 | 2375 00 | 2475 50 |
| Dassel | | 3 44 | | 3 25 | | | | 73 00 | | 81 69 | 480 00 | 561 69 |
| Elk River—United Christian | 13 63 | 10 00 | 9 25 | | | | | 50 00 | 10 00 | 92 88 | 950 00 | 1042 88 |
| Excelsior | 48 00 | 54 00 | 25 00 | 180 00 | | | 5 00 | 70 00 | 25 00 | 407 00 | 600 00 | 1007 00 |
| Glencoe | | 25 00 | | | | | | | 3 00 | 28 00 | 450 00 | 478 00 |
| Groveland | | 8 71 | | 1 70 | | | | | | 10 41 | 450 00 | 460 41 |
| Hutchinson | 8 50 | 42 50 | 12 75 | 12 75 | 8 50 | | | 80 00 | | 165 00 | 360 88 | 525 88 |
| Lakeland | 2 50 | | | | | | | 40 00 | | 42 50 | 225 00 | 267 50 |
| Marine—First | | 8 00 | | | | | | | | 8 00 | 325 00 | 333 00 |
| Marine—Second | | 8 17 | | | | | | | | 8 17 | 175 00 | 183 17 |
| Minneapolis—First | 120 44 | 96 83 | 37 04 | 14 37 | 30 30 | | 34 83 | 2247 00 | 175 00 | 2758 01 | 7000 00 | 9758 01 |
| Minneapolis—Plymouth | 1040 26 | 1577 13 | 541 20 | 241 08 | 96 50 | 48 25 | | 57589 65 | 375 18 | 61459 25 | 8000 00 | 69459 25 |
| Minneapolis—Second | 93 94 | 135 42 | 37 50 | 37 50 | | | | 876 76 | | 1161 12 | 2754 95 | 3916 07 |
| Minneapolis—Pilgrim | 67 70 | 160 88 | 9 08 | 43 35 | 10 08 | | | 550 11 | 70 00 | 920 20 | 1710 00 | 2630 20 |
| Minneapolis—Vine | | 18 00 | | | | | | | | 18 00 | 590 00 | 608 00 |
| Minneapolis—Como Avenue | 16 00 | 15 00 | | | | | | 12 50 | | 43 50 | 35 00 | 78 50 |
| Minneapolis—Union | | | | | | | | | | | 350 00 | 350 00 |
| Preston Lake | | 3 86 | | | | | | | | 3 86 | 125 00 | 128 86 |
| St. Paul—Plymouth | 246 40 | 527 62 | 54 85 | 500 00 | 300 72 | | | 410 76 | 164 04 | 2213 39 | 3900 00 | 6113 39 |
| St. Paul—Pacific | | 35 00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul—Atlantic | | 35 00 | | | | | | | | 35 00 | 625 00 | 660 00 |
| St. Paul—Park | | | | | | | | | | | 25000 00 | 25000 00 |
| Wayzata | | 18 00 | | 1 34 | | | | 10 00 | 12 00 | 36 45 | 385 00 | 421 45 |
| Totals | 1 760 37 | 2 891 63 | 754 01 | 1 043 04 | 455 10 | 48 25 | 39 83 | 6 1987 49 | 848 72 | 69 804 44 | 58 490 33 | 128 294 77 |

Executive Committee: Rev. J. L. Scudder, Minneapolis, Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. E. H. Votaw.

**REGISTER.**

Annual Meeting: Second Tuesday in June, 1884, at Alexandria. Rev. O. P. Champlin, Clearwater, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS. Aug. 31, 1888. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SUN. SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Male. | Female. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. Schools. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Alexandria.. | 1867 | 12 | 14 | J. Spencer Jewell | 1883 | | 22 | 42 | 64 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 110 | .. | 110 | 40 |
| Belle Prairie | 1870 | 10 | 4 | O. O. Rundell... | 1883 | | 7 | 12 | 19 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Blue Hill.... | 1876 | 1 | 12 | | | | 4 | 4 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 | .. | 42 | .. |
| Clearwater... | 1859 | 4 | 20 | O. P. Champlin. | 1881 | | 24 | 68 | 92 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 50 | 90 | 35 |
| Easton..... | 1879 | 11 | 12 | | | | 2 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | .. | 40 | .. |
| Glenwood.... | 1875 | 9 | 29 | | | | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Green Prairie | 1882 | 5 | 11 | O. O. Rundell... | 1883 | | 6 | 3 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Little Falls.. | 1872 | 5 | 11 | O. O. Rundell... | 1883 | | 12 | 24 | 36 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | .. | 2 | 7 | 9 | .. | .. | 75 | .. | 75 | .. |
| Monticello... | 1856 | 3 | 8 | A. A. Hurd..... | 1881 | | 17 | 33 | 50 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 6 | .. | 4 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 50 | .. | 50 | 40 |
| Osakis..... | 1877 | 11 | 24 | | | | 4 | 11 | 15 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | .. | 35 | 15 |
| Paynesville.. | 1866 | 7 | 29 | J. W. Todd..... | 1882 | | 5 | 4 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 60 | .. | 60 | .. |
| Princeton.... | 1856 | 7 | 11 | | | | 14 | 14 | 28 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Sauk Center. | 1867 | 1 | 20 | | | | 39 | 56 | 95 | 15 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 140 | .. | 140 | 50 |
| Sauk Rapids. | 1855 | 2 | 28 | D. Henderson... | 1881 | | 14 | 24 | 38 | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 70 | .. | 70 | 36 |
| St. Cloud.... | 1864 | 2 | 10 | J. H. Chandler.. | 1882 | | 26 | 34 | 60 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 24 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 7 | 7 | 85 | .. | 85 | 42 |
| Villard..... | 1883 | 7 | 1 | | | | 4 | 10 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| West Union. | 1882 | 4 | 11 | | | | 4 | 11 | 15 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | .. | 50 | 20 |
| 17 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | | | 205 | 355 | 560 | 80 | 22 | 37 | 59 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 22 | 9 | 13 | 797 | 50 | 847 | 278 |

CHURCHES: Not reporting, (last year's figures inserted): Bell Prairie, Easton, Glenwood and Princeton. Dropped: Gordon, Two Rivers and Union Grove. New: Villard.

## Central Conference.

**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **Report for the year ending August 31, 1883.**

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | Col. & Education Society. | Cong. S.S. and Pub. Soc. | New W Ed. com | Other Benef. | S.S. Benef. | Total. Benef. | Church Exp'nses | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexandria | ..... | 39 50 | 14 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 54 00 | 1000 00 | 1054 00 |
| Blue Hill | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 00 | 4 00 |
| Clearwater | 26 83 | 46 51 | 87 41 | 6 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 56 55 | ..... | 164 00 | 975 00 | 1139 00 |
| Little Falls | ..... | 9 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 00 | 80 00 | 89 00 |
| Monticello | 10 00 | 25 00 | ..... | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 00 | ..... | 135 00 | 573 00 | 708 00 |
| Osakis | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Sauk Center | ..... | 17 85 | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | ..... | 42 85 | 1050 00 | 1092 85 |
| Sauk Rapids | 3 00 | 12 00 | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 50 | ..... | 28 50 | 870 00 | 898 50 |
| St. Cloud | 10 00 | 5 50 | ..... | 16 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 88 45 | 13 12 | 133 07 | 2086 80 | 2219 87 |
| West Union | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Totals | 49 83 | 155 86 | 45 91 | 77 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 224 50 | 13 12 | 566 42 | 7038 80 | 7604 72 |

Executive Committee: Rev. A. A. Hurd, Monticello, Rev. J. H. Chandler, and Rev. J. S. Jewell.

**REGISTER.**

Annual Meeting: Last Tuesday in May, 1884, at Janesville. REV. H. H. HART, St. Paul, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. S. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Belgrade | 1873 | .. | .. | | .... | .... | 7 | 15 | 22 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 | .... | 35 | ..... |
| Carson and Delton | 1874 | .. | .. | | .... | .... | 3 | 4 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | ..... |
| Chain Lake Center | 1865 | 5 | 29 | John H. Nason | 1882 | .... | 5 | 8 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | 15 |
| Edgerton | 1880 | 5 | 12 | Caleb W. Mathews | 1880 | .... | 10 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 60 | 35 | 95 | 15 |
| Fairmont | 1868 | 5 | 23 | John H. Nason | 1882 | .... | 26 | 36 | 62 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 22 | .... | 11 | .... | 11 | 6 | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | 100 |
| Freeborn | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk | 1875 | 1876 | 20 | 23 | 43 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 16 |
| Freedom | 1878 | 11 | 12 | Robert S. Armstrong | 1876 | .... | 6 | 9 | 15 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | .... | 100 | 7 |
| Goshen | 1876 | 4 | 3 | William Powell | 1881 | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 16 | .... | 16 | 4 |
| Hartland | 1874 | 9 | 6 | John Hayward | 1883 | .... | 18 | 19 | 32 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | .... | 45 | 14 |
| Janesville | 1882 | 11 | 17 | Joseph S. Rounce | 1882 | .... | 5 | 13 | 18 | .... | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 50 | .... | 50 | .. |
| LuVern and Clinton | 1878 | 6 | 12 | | .... | .... | 4 | 7 | 11 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 7 |
| Mankato | 1870 | 8 | 28 | | .... | .... | 53 | 71 | 124 | 49 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 125 | .... | 125 | 62 |
| Mapleton | 1882 | 10 | 1 | Elijah Cash | 1883 | .... | 7 | 5 | 12 | 2 | .... | 12 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | 25 |
| McPherson | 1875 | 6 | 6 | Joseph S. Rounce | 1882 | .... | 4 | 9 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 54 | .... | 54 | 15 |
| Minnesota Lake | 1882 | 4 | 30 | | .... | .... | 3 | 8 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 44 | .... | 44 | .. |
| New Richland | 1882 | 7 | 27 | John Hayward | 1883 | .... | 3 | 3 | 6 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 80 | .... | 80 | 12 |
| Salem | 1855 | 10 | 13 | William Powell | 1881 | .... | 13 | 21 | 34 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 75 | .... | 75 | 12 |
| Sherburne | 1879 | 3 | 16 | John H. Nason | 1882 | .... | 10 | 11 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 5 | .... | 6 | .... | 1 | 65 | .... | 65 | 21 |
| South Bend | 1859 | .. | .. | William Powell | 1881 | .... | 9 | 4 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 15 | .... | 15 | 2 |
| Sterling | 1857 | 8 | 12 | Elijah Cash | 1883 | .... | 10 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .... | 15 | .... | 15 | .... | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 25 |
| Waseca | 1868 | 1 | 15 | Lucian W. Chaney | 1881 | .... | 53 | 89 | 142 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 17 | .... | 19 | 1 | .... | 196 | .... | 196 | 73 |
| Westford | 1871 | 3 | 27 | | .... | .... | 4 | 6 | 10 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 20 | 7 |
| Worthington | 1873 | 5 | 18 | M. S. Crosswell | 1883 | .... | 17 | 31 | 48 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .... | 80 | 60 | 140 | 30 |
| 23 Churches. | | | | 9 Ministers. | | | 289 | 417 | 706 | 110 | 26 | 48 | 74 | 6 | 56 | 1 | 63 | 14 | 4 | 1465 | 95 | 1560 | 564 |

CHURCHES—Dropped: Alden, Berlin, Butternut Valley, Providence. Not reporting—(last year's figures inserted)—Belgrade, Mankato, Westford, Minnesota Lake.

# Mankato Conference.

## Beneficence and Church Expenses. Report for the year ending August 31, 1883.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | Col. & Ed. Society. | Cong. S.S. and Pub. Soc. | New W Ed. com | Other Benef. | S.S. Benef | Total. Benef. | Church Expenses. | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carson and Delton | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 3 00 | | 3 00 |
| Chain Lake Center | | | | | | | | | | | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| Edgerton | 5 00 | 10 08 | | | | | | | | 15 08 | 110 00 | 125 08 |
| Fairmont | 3 00 | 20 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | | | | 40 00 | | 70 00 | 550 00 | 620 00 |
| Freeborn | 2 25 | 15 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | | | | | 4 01 | 25 76 | 170 00 | 195 76 |
| Freedom | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 50 00 | 52 00 |
| Goshen | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 3 00 | 12 00 | 15 00 |
| Hartland | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | 60 00 | 70 00 |
| Janesville | | 12 00 | | | | | | 10 00 | | 22 00 | 125 00 | 147 00 |
| LuVerne and Clinton | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | 7 00 | 12 00 |
| Mankato | 8 50 | 21 80 | | | | | | | | 30 30 | | 30 30 |
| Mapleton | | | | | | | | | | | 1 600 00 | 1 600 00 |
| Mc. Pherson | | | | 2 00 | | 2 0 | | | | 4 00 | 27 00 | 31 00 |
| Minnesota Lake | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 3 00 | | 3 00 |
| New Richland | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 3 00 | 1 200 00 | 1 203 00 |
| Salem | | 10 25 | | | | | | | | 10 25 | 18 00 | 28 25 |
| Sherburne | | 18 00 | | | | | | | | 18 00 | 250 00 | 268 00 |
| South Bend | | 6 00 | | | | 2 00 | | | | 8 00 | 12 00 | 20 00 |
| Sterling | | 25 00 | | 7 00 | | | | | | 32 00 | 550 00 | 582 00 |
| Waseca | 46 35 | 51 64 | 10 88 | 16 29 | | 5 48 | 2 00 | 66 13 | 19 37 | 218 09 | 1 137 72 | 1 355 81 |
| Worthingfon | 11 66 | 41 38 | 11 4 3 | 23 36 | | | | 24 72 | 5'00 | 112 55 | 834 43 | 946 98 |
| Totals | 76 76 | 390 10 | 26 31 | 55 65 | | 9 48 | 2 00 | 140 85 | 28 38 | 594 98 | 6 763 15 | 7 358 13 |

Executive Committee: Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca, Rev. H. H. Hart, Rev. Wilbur Fisk.

Annual Meeting—Last Tuesday in June, 1884, at Appleton. REV. GEO. B. NUTTING, Hancock, Registrar.

| CHURCHES | ORGANIZED | | MINISTERS | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883 | | | ADDED | | | | REMOVED | | | BAPTISMS | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. S. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Appleton | 1879 | 10 | 16 | Edward Ruddock | 1883 | .. | 8 | 11 | 19 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45 | 60 | 105 | .. |
| Benson | 1876 | 10 | 19 | Charles A Ruddock | 1881 | .. | 6 | 16 | 22 | 8 | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 61 | .. | 61 | .. |
| Granite Falls | 1872 | 12 | 4 | George W Sargent | 1880 | .. | 13 | 20 | 33 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 33 | 83 | .. |
| Hancock | 1873 | 6 | 29 | Charles A Ruddock | 1881 | .. | 13 | 19 | 32 | 9 | .. | 20 | 20 | 1 | 11 | .. | 12 | .. | .. | 80 | 75 | 155 | .. |
| Havelock | 1877 | 6 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 8 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lac Qui Parle | 1872 | 2 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 6 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 | .. | 30 | .. |
| Montevideo | 1872 | 2 | 7 | Robert P Herrick | 1883 | .. | 11 | 13 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 50 | .. | 50 | .. |
| Morris | 1873 | 8 | 9 | J P Hutchinson | 1882 | .. | 15 | 21 | 36 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 40 | 10 | 120 | .. |
| Ortonville | 1879 | 9 | 6 | Archibald Hadden | 1880 | .. | 13 | 17 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | .. | 6 | .. | 6 | 2 | .. | 65 | .. | 65 | .. |
| Rendsville | 1881 | 9 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 18 | 22 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34 | .. | 34 | .. |
| 10 Churches | | | | 6 Ministers. | | | 89 | 149 | 238 | 50 | 7 | 34 | 41 | 2 | 17 | | 19 | 6 | 1 | 505 | 198 | 703 | 394 |

CHURCHES: Not reporting—(Last year's figures given). Appleton, Granite Falls, Havelock, Lac Qui Parle, Rendsville.

## Minnesota Valley Conference.

**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **For the year ending August, 31, 1883**

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | Col. & Education Soc. | Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc. | New W Ed. Com | Other Benef. | S.S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appleton | | 8 05 | | | | | | | | 8 05 | | 8 05 |
| Benson | 3 28 | 14 08 | | 3 00 | | | | | | 20 36 | 1175 00 | 1195 36 |
| Granite Falls | 3 00 | 13 74 | 2 00 | | | | | | | 18 74 | | 18 74 |
| Hancock | 10 14 | 10 45 | | 2 05 | | | | | | 22 50 | 750 00 | 772 50 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 3 15 | 4 35 | | | | | | | | 7 50 | | 7 50 |
| Montevideo | | | | | | | | | | | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Morris | 6 05 | | | 5 00 | | | | | | 11 05 | 1150 00 | 1161 05 |
| Ortonville | 5 00 | 12 50 | 3 10 | 3 10 | | | | 5 00 | | 28 70 | 1500 00 | 1528 70 |
| Totals | 24 57 | 50 27 | 5 10 | 13 15 | | | | 5 00 | | 110 98 | 4775 00 | 4891 90 |

**Executive Committee :** Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Benson, Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. J. P. Hutchinson.

REGISTER.

A ... Rev. E. H. ... Detroit, Register.

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**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **During the year ending August 31, 1883.**

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | Col. & Education Society. | Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc. | New W Ed.Com | Other Benef. | S.S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ada | ..... | 8 00 | .... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 13 00 | 400 00 | 413 00 |
| Audubon | 3 45 | 9 00 | 2 88 | 3 20 | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 18 48 | 265 00 | 283 48 |
| Bluffton | ..... | 16 00 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 16 00 | 170 00 | 186 00 |
| Brainard | ..... | 30 00 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 30 00 | 8800 00 | 8830 00 |
| Breckenridge | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1590 00 | 1590 00 |
| Crookston | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3650 00 | 3650 00 |
| Detroit | 5 00 | 11 68 | 2 00 | 2 00 | ..... | 1 35 | .... | ..... | 6 00 | 27 98 | 225 00 | 252 98 |
| Duluth | 8 44 | ..... | 12 55 | 8 57 | ..... | ..... | 8 00 | 59 77 | 17 37 | 115 10 | 2111 58 | 2226 68 |
| Evansville | ..... | 18 00 | .... | 1.... | ..... | 2 00 | .... | ..... | 2 00 | 17 00 | 290 00 | 307 00 |
| Fergus Falls | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | 50 00 | ..... | 50 00 | 1300 00 | 1350 00 |
| Glyndon | 57 59 | 55 74 | 21 37 | 5 88 | ..... | ..... | 5 50 | 108 42 | 20 34 | 278 79 | 4529 21 | 4808 00 |
| Hawley | 12 25 | 8 60 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | 6 00 | 26 85 | 675 00 | 701 85 |
| Lake Park | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| Lake View | ..... | 4 50 | .... | .... | ..... | 1 15 | .... | ..... | ..... | 5 65 | 150 00 | 155 65 |
| Mentor | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Muskoda | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| Pelican Rapids | ..... | 8 00 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | 40 00 | 2 00 | 50 00 | 1675 00 | 1725 00 |
| Perham | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 900 00 | 900 00 |
| Scambler | 3 00 | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | 4 13 | ..... | 7 13 | 2 30 | 9 43 |
| St Olaf | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 60 00 | 60 00 |
| Stephen | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 233 00 | 233 00 |
| Verndale | ..... | 8 00 | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 8 00 | 120 00 | 128 00 |
| Wadena | ..... | 12 50 | .... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 22 50 | 1902 00 | 1924 50 |
| Totals | 90 23 | 184 97 | 38 75 | 89 60 | ..... | 4 50 | 8 50 | 257 32 | 62 71 | 686 48 | 20233 04 | 29919 52 |

Executive Committee: Rev. H. N. Kinney, Fergus Falls, Rev. C. E. Page, Rev. E. H. Stickney.

## REGISTER.

Annual Meeting: First Tuesday in June, 1884, at Northfield. REV. C. E. Wright, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, August 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED | | | REMOVED | | | BAPTISM | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults | Infants. | In Church Sun. Sch's | In Mission Sun. Sch's | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Austin | 1857 | 7 | 6 | Cassius E. Wright | 1874 | 1875 | 80 | 138 | 218 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 8 | .... | 9 | 10 | 5 | 225 | 100 | 325 | 87 |
| Brownsdale | 1870 | 9 | 11 | | | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cannon City | 1872 | 2 | 29 | | | | .... | .... | 10 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claremont | 1860 | 5 | | Arthur H. Tebbets | 1880 | .... | 14 | 19 | 33 | 10 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 60 | .... | 60 | 25 |
| Dexter | 1877 | 9 | 2 | | | | .... | .... | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dodge Center | 1858 | 6 | 6 | Arthur H. Tebbets | 1880 | .. | 8 | 15 | 23 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | 80 | .... | 80 | 30 |
| Faribault | 1856 | 7 | 8 | Edmund Gale | 1881 | ... | 81 | 148 | 229 | 60 | 14 | 19 | 33 | . | 15 | .... | 15 | 5 | .... | 340 | .... | 340 | 175 |
| Gilbert | 1860 | 5 | 18 | | | | 6 | 16 | 22 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 1860 | 6 | 12 | William G. Roberts | 1882 | .... | 37 | 41 | 78 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 5 | .... | 6 | .... | .... | 134 | .. | 134 | 40 |
| Lansing | 1867 | 7 | 9 | | | | 4 | 8 | 12 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mantorville | 1858 | 3 | 21 | Henry Willard | 1882 | .... | 16 | 42 | 58 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 | .... | 6 | 1 | .... | 130 | .... | 130 | 70 |
| Medford | 1856 | 10 | 25 | Charles W. Bird | 1882 | .... | 42 | 21 | 63 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 80 | 30 | 110 | 85 |
| Morristown | 1872 | 5 | 5 | Enoch E. Rogers | 1882 | .... | 15 | 28 | 43 | 8 | 21 | 2 | 23 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 11 | .... | 90 | .... | 90 | 85 |
| Northfield | 1856 | 8 | 30 | Edward M. Williams | 1882 | .... | 148 | 198 | 346 | 74 | 27 | 39 | 66 | 12 | 24 | .... | 36 | 6 | .... | 260 | 60 | 320 | 90 |
| Owatonna | 1857 | 10 | 22 | J. Newton Brown | 1881 | .... | 61 | 110 | 171 | 27 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 220 | .... | 220 | 76 |
| Rose Creek | 1872 | 10 | 29 | Leonard H. Moses | 1870 | .... | 5 | 15 | 20 | 3 | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 50 | 20 | 70 | ..... |
| Spring Valley | 1856 | 5 | 24 | William G. Roberts | 1882 | .... | 51 | 80 | 131 | 29 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 4 | .... | 5 | 3 | 1 | 125 | ... | 125 | 65 |
| Waterville | 1879 | 3 | 27 | Enoch E. Rogers | 1883 | .... | 5 | 12 | 17 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 75 | .... | 75 | 15 |
| 18 Churches. | | | | 10 Ministers. | | | 578 | 901 | 1494 | 275 | 85 | 70 | 155 | 22 | 71 | 12 | 111 | 40 | 9 | 1869 | 210 | 2079 | 733 |

Churches not reporting; (Figures of last year inserted), Brownsdale, Cannon City, Dexter and Lansing.

**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **During the year ending August 31, 1883.**

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. & Edu. cation Society. | Cong.S.S. and Pub. Soc. | New W. Ed. Com. | Other Benef. | S. S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church expenses | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austin | 111 89 | 183 23 | 51 39 | 20 55 | | | | 142 12 | 44 00 | 551 68 | 1850 00 | 2381 68 |
| Brownsdale | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 00 | | 2 00 |
| Claremont | | 11 79 | | | | | | | | 11 79 | 250 00 | 261 79 |
| Dodge Center | | 10 16 | | 8 00 | | 2 00 | | | | 20 16 | 475 00 | 495 16 |
| Faribault | 111 88 | 155 38 | 109 13 | 17 43 | | | 17 31 | 388 69 | 112 00 | 911 82 | 1629 79 | 2541 61 |
| Gilbert | | 12 00 | | | | | | 80 00 | | 92 00 | | 92 00 |
| Hamilton | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | 44 75 | | 14 00 | | 78 75 | 250 00 | 328 75 |
| Mantorville | 52 06 | 28 47 | 43 31 | 15 00 | | | 1 00 | 50 00 | 13 54 | 203 38 | 637 00 | 845 38 |
| Medford | 30 00 | 30 00 | | | 4 00 | 13 00 | | 12 50 | 3 25 | 92 75 | 175 00 | 267 75 |
| Morristown | | 15 48 | | 6 50 | | | | | | 21 98 | 113 46 | 135 44 |
| Northfied | 315 21 | 286 82 | 335 42 | 149 14 | | 20 16 | 63 50 | 2000 00 | 201 62 | 3371 87 | 2148 50 | 5520 37 |
| Owatonna | 153 28 | 125 50 | 23 00 | 21 00 | | | 23 53 | 42 00 | 13 75 | 402 06 | 1812 15 | 2214 21 |
| Rose Creek | 3 00 | 8 00 | | 2 25 | | | | | | 13 25 | 90 00 | 103 25 |
| Spring Valley | | 11 50 | | 5 90 | | | | 160 00 | 4 50 | 181 90 | 1075 00 | 1256 90 |
| Waterville | | 10 66 | | | | | | | | 10 66 | 160 35 | 171 01 |
| Totals | 816 82 | 944 99 | 567 25 | 250 77 | 4 00 | 79 69 | 105 34 | 2889 31 | 392 66 | 5951 05 | 10666 25 | 16617 30 |

**Executive Committee :** Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin, Rev. Edmund Gale, Rev. J. N. Brown.

# 7. Western Conference.

**REGISTER.**

Annual Meeting,: Second Tuesday in June, 1884, at Sleepy Eye. Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPT'MS | | SUN. SCH'S | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Church S. S. | Mission S. S. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Clifton | 1880 | 9 | 24 | John B. Fairbank | 1882 | .... | 3 | 10 | 13 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 13 |
| Custer | 1875 | 1 | 11 | Philip K. Peregrine | 1875 | .... | 17 | 20 | 37 | .... | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 6 | .... | 7 | .... | 4 | 47 | .... | 47 | 25 |
| Eden | 1881 | 5 | 8 | C. W. Preston | 1883 | .... | 12 | 10 | 22 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 12 |
| Etna | 1883 | 8 | 30 | Frederic L. Stevens | 1883 | .... | 6 | 5 | 11 | .... | 6 | 5 | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 | .... | 15 | 12 |
| Lake Benton | 1880 | 7 | 19 | Albert Warren | 1883 | .... | 8 | 20 | 28 | 7 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 | 30 | 90 | 50 |
| Lake Stay | 1880 | 4 | 11 | Frederic L. Stevens | 1883 | .... | 6 | 14 | 20 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 13 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 4 | 35 | .... | 35 | 18 |
| Marshall | 1872 | 10 | 6 | John B. Fairbank | 1881 | .... | 16 | 48 | 64 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 16 | .... | 3 | 116 | 40 | 156 | 45 |
| Sleepy Eye | 1872 | 5 | 23 | William A. Lyman | 1880 | .... | 18 | 28 | 46 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 2 | 115 | .... | 115 | 40 |
| Springfield | 1876 | 7 | 27 | Josiah Kidder | 1881 | .... | 5 | 7 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 60 | .... | 60 | 14 |
| Stanley | 1876 | 5 | 16 | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 5 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Tracy | 1875 | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 5 | 11 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | .... | 45 | 10 |
| Tyler | 1875 | 5 | 16 | Frederic L. Stevens | 1883 | .... | 3 | 6 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 30 | .... | 30 | 24 |
| Walnut Grove | 1874 | 8 | 22 | .... | .... | .... | 13 | 26 | 39 | 23 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 15 | .... | 16 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 16 |
| 13 Churches. | | | | 7 Ministers. | .... | .... | 117 | 234 | 321 | 49 | 27 | 19 | 46 | 3 | 33 | 8 | 42 | 7 | 14 | 633 | 70 | 703 | 279 |

CHURCHES—New: Etna. Dropped: Lamberton.

Beneficence and Church Expenses. During the year ending August 31, 1883.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. & Edu. cation Society. | Cong. S.S. and Pub. Soc. | New W. Ed. Com. | Other Benef. | S. S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church expenses | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clifton | | 5 33 | | | | | | | | 5 33 | 48 53 | 53 86 |
| Custer | | 20 00 | | 2 00 | | 5 00 | | | | 27 00 | 220 00 | 247 00 |
| Eden | | 4 00 | | | | | | 1 35 | | 5 35 | 250 00 | 255 35 |
| Etna | | | | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Lake Benton | | 9 15 | | | | | | | | 9 15 | 581 00 | 590 15 |
| Lake Stay | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 32 98 | 34 98 |
| Marshall | 32 50 | 41 17 | 22 15 | 14 65 | | | 10 00 | | 25 30 | 145 77 | 1048 00 | 1193 77 |
| Sleepy Eye | 9 12 | 21 23 | 5 55 | 7 88 | 2 00 | | | | 17 50 | 63 28 | 655 26 | 718 64 |
| Springfield | | 6 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | 1 50 | | | 10 50 | 200 00 | 210 50 |
| Stanley | | 3 05 | | | | | | | | 3 05 | 31 50 | 34 55 |
| Tracy | | 6 00 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 11 00 | 39 30 | 50 30 |
| Tyler | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 3 00 | 900 00 | 903 00 |
| Walnut Grove | 16 17 | 10 00 | | 3 00 | | | | | | 29 17 | 227 61 | 256 78 |
| Totals | 57 79 | 180 93 | 29 70 | 28 53 | 2 00 | 5 00 | 11 50 | 1 35 | 47 80 | 314 70 | 4 254 18 | 4568 88 |

Executive Committee: Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Marshall, Rev. W. A. Lyman, Rev. A. Warren.

## 8. Winona Conference.

**REGISTER.**

Annual Meeting, : Fourth Tuesday in May, 1884, at Plainview. Rev. S. K. Perkins, Plainview, Registrar.

| CHURCHES. | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME. | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Began labor. | Installed. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. S. | In Mission S. S. | Total. | Families under Pastoral care. |
| Cannon Falls | 1856 | 7 | 26 | Rowland S. Cross | 1882 | .... | 84 | 53 | 87 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | .... | 8 | 2 | .... | 70 | .... | 70 | 32 |
| Douglass | 1870 | 2 | 28 | Rowland S. Cross | 1882 | .... | 9 | 9 | 18 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9 |
| High Forest | 1860 | 6 | 21 | | .... | .... | 14 | 26 | 40 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 40 | .... | 40 | 24 |
| Lake City | 1856 | 8 | 8 | John W. Horner | 1882 | .... | 41 | 76 | 117 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 7 | .... | 5 | .... | 5 | .... | 2 | 150 | .... | 150 | 60 |
| Lenora | 1857 | 11 | 11 | Supplied from Iowa | .... | .... | 5 | 11 | 16 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Mazeppa | 1860 | 5 | 19 | Nathaniel H. Pierce | 1883 | .... | 9 | 31 | 40 | 10 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 85 | .... | 84 | 15 |
| Plainview | 1863 | 9 | 19 | Sidney K. Perkins | 1883 | .... | 56 | 82 | 138 | 43 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 11 | .... | 15 | 3 | 4 | 170 | .... | 170 | .... |
| Rochester | 1858 | 1 | 3 | John W. Bradshaw | 1879 | 1880 | 45 | 100 | 145 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 11 | .... | 7 | 7 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 160 | .... | 160 | .... |
| Rushford | 1860 | 5 | 19 | William W. Snell | 1855 | .... | 20 | 38 | 58 | 10 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 30 | 90 | 26 |
| St. Charles | 1859 | 2 | 26 | | .... | .... | 18 | 22 | 70 | .. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 125 | .... | 128 | .... |
| Stewartville | 1880 | 3 | 24 | | .... | .... | 9 | 11 | 20 | 6 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | 4 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | 25 | 20 |
| Wabasha | 1857 | 1 | .. | Charles P. Watson | 1882 | .... | 20 | 56 | 76 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 18 | .... | .... | 103 | .... | 103 | .... |
| Winona | 1854 | 12 | 10 | J. H. Crum | 1883 | .... | 78 | 176 | 254 | 45 | 14 | 5 | 19 | 3 | 4 | .... | 7 | 8 | 2 | 450 | .... | 450 | .... |
| Witoka | 1880 | 5 | 20 | Henry A. Bushnell | 1882 | 1882 | 4 | 23 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 6 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | .... | 50 | 50 |
| Zumbrota | 1857 | 6 | 28 | | .... | .... | 59 | 100 | 159 | 33 | 6 | .... | 6 | 1 | 11 | .... | 12 | 3 | 5 | 270 | .... | 270 | .... |
| 15 Churches. | | | | 9 Ministers. | | | 421 | 844 | 1265 | 219 | 55 | 22 | 77 | 12 | 80 | 18 | 90 | 23 | 23 | 1757 | 30 | 1787 | 236 |

CHURCHES: Dropped—Elgin, Granger, Quincy and Saratoga.

## Winona Conference.

**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **During the year ending August 31, 1883.**

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | COL. & EDUCATION SOCIETY. | CONG. S. S. AND PUB. SOC. | NEW W. ED. COM | OTHER BENEF. | S.S. BENEF. | TOTAL BENEF. | CHURCH EXPENSES. | GRAND TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | 5 00 | 20 00 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 00 | 800 00 | 835 00 |
| High Forest | ..... | 45 00 | 5 00 | 7 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 50 | ..... | 58 50 | 325 00 | 383 50 |
| Lake City | 8 35 | 27 70 | 10 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 214 85 | 21 00 | 282 15 | 1600 00 | 1882 15 |
| Mazeppa | ..... | 22 87 | 7 63 | 8 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 50 | ..... | 39 26 | 515 00 | 554 26 |
| Plainview | 15 94 | 16 94 | 9 50 | 7 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 00 | 69 38 | 629 60 | 698 98 |
| Rochester | 81 97 | 62 20 | 20 56 | 14 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 149 90 | 5 00 | 342 52 | 2000 00 | 2342 52 |
| Rushford | 14 70 | 27 62 | 6 00 | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 53 | 64 85 | 400 00 | 464 85 |
| St. Charles | 19 71 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19 71 | 7 00 | 26 71 |
| Stewartville | 2 00 | 20 00 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 00 | 250 00 | 274 00 |
| Wabasha | 22 00 | 31 40 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 53 40 | 660 15 | 713 55 |
| Winona | 285 00 | 549 00 | 125 00 | 50 00 | 62 00 | 10 00 | 40 00 | 436 09 | ..... | 1557 09 | 1173 40 | 2730 49 |
| Witoka | ..... | 22 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22 00 | 440 54 | 462 54 |
| Zumbrota | 45 00 | 83 70 | 33 50 | 26 00 | ..... | 8 50 | 14 28 | ..... | 61 00 | 271 95 | 1200 00 | 1471 95 |
| Totals | 499 67 | 928 43 | 219 44 | 125 88 | 62 00 | 18 50 | 54 28 | 815 84 | 120 53 | 2839 81 | 10000 69 | 12840 50 |

**Executive Committee:** Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Rochester, Rev. S. K. Perkins, Rev. J. W. Horner.

# Summary by Conferences.

**REGISTER.**

| CONFERENCES. | CHURCHES. | | | | | | | CHURCH MEMBERS, Aug. 31, 1883. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVED. | | | | BAPTISMS. | | SUN. SCHOOLS. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | New. | Dropped. With Pastors. | Acting Pastors. | Licentiate and Supplied. | Vacant. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplined. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | In Church S. Schools. | In Mission S. Schools. | Total | Families under Pastoral care. |
| 1. Anoka | 6 | 1 | 5 | 17 | .... | 5 | 27 | 907 | 1577 | 2444 | 177 | 176 | 294 | 456 | 23 | 117 | .. | 140 | 86 | 46 | 3121 | 530 | 3651 | 1598 |
| 2. Central | 1 | 3 | .... | 9 | .... | 8 | 17 | 201 | 345 | 846 | 80 | 22 | 37 | 59 | 3 | 12 | .. | 22 | 9 | 13 | 797 | 50 | 847 | 278 |
| 3. Mankato | .... | 4 | 1 | 18 | .... | 6 | 23 | 289 | 417 | 706 | 110 | 26 | 48 | 74 | 6 | 56 | 1 | 63 | 14 | 4 | 1465 | 95 | 1560 | 564 |
| 4. Minnesota Valley | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 3 | 10 | 89 | 149 | 238 | 50 | 7 | 34 | 41 | 2 | 17 | .. | 19 | 6 | 1 | 505 | 198 | 703 | 334 |
| 5. Northern Pacific | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 262 | 396 | 658 | 95 | 34 | 131 | 165 | 9 | 55 | 17 | 81 | 12 | 14 | 1481 | 345 | 1826 | 684 |
| 6. Owatonna | .... | .... | 2 | 11 | .... | 5 | 18 | 578 | 901 | 1494 | 275 | 85 | 70 | 155 | 22 | 71 | 12 | 111 | 40 | 9 | 1869 | 210 | 2079 | 733 |
| 7. Western | 1 | 1 | .... | 7 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 117 | 204 | 321 | 49 | 27 | 19 | 46 | 3 | 31 | 8 | 42 | 10 | 14 | 633 | 70 | 703 | 279 |
| 8. Winona | .... | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 421 | 844 | 1265 | 219 | 55 | 22 | 77 | 12 | 60 | 18 | 90 | 23 | 23 | 1757 | 30 | 1787 | 236 |
| Totals—1883 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 91 | 5 | 39 | 148 | 2924 | 4830 | 7662 | 1055 | 432 | 655 | 1087 | 80 | 419 | 63 | 562 | 160 | 124 | *11688 | 1528 | 13216 | 4675 |
| Totals—1882 | | | 20 | 96 | 2 | 34 | 152 | 2783 | 4527 | 7269 | 1057 | 401 | 449 | 850 | 59 | 338 | 13 | 410 | 178 | 114 | 10229 | 1758 | 11987 | 3558 |
| Gains | | | | | 3 | 5 | | 191 | 303 | 393 | | 31 | 206 | 237 | 21 | 81 | 50 | 152 | | 10 | 1459 | | 1229 | 1117 |
| Loss | | | 7 | 5 | | | 4 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 18 | | | 230 | | |

## Summary by Conferences.

**Beneficence and Church Expenses.** **Report for the year ending August 31, 1883.**

| | CONFERENCES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Education Society. | Cong. S. S. and Pub Soc. | New W. Ed. Com. | Other Benef. | S. S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Exp'nses | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Anoka | 1760 37 | 2891 63 | 754 01 | 1043 04 | 455 10 | 48 25 | 39 83 | 61987 49 | 848 72 | 69904 44 | 58480 33 | 128384 77 |
| 2. | Central | 49 83 | 155 36 | 45 91 | 77 70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 224 50 | 13 12 | 566 42 | 7088 90 | 7604 72 |
| 3. | Mankato | 76 76 | 260 10 | 26 31 | 55 65 | ..... | 9 43 | 2 00 | 140 85 | 28 38 | 594 98 | 6763 15 | 7358 13 |
| 4. | Minnesota Valley | 24 57 | 59 27 | 5 10 | 13 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 110 85 | 4775 00 | 4891 90 |
| 5. | Northern Pacific | 90 13 | 184 97 | 38 75 | 39 60 | ..... | 4 50 | 8 50 | 257 32 | 62 71 | 686 48 | 29233 04 | 29919 52 |
| 6. | Owatonna | 816 82 | 844 99 | 567 25 | 250 77 | 4 00 | 79 69 | 105 34 | 2889 31 | 892 66 | 5951 05 | 10666 25 | 16617 30 |
| 7. | Western | 57 79 | 130 93 | 29 70 | 28 53 | 2 00 | 5 00 | 11 50 | 1 35 | 47 80 | 314 70 | 4254 18 | 4568 88 |
| 8. | Winona | 499 67 | 928 43 | 219 44 | 125 98 | 62 00 | 18 50 | 54 28 | 815 84 | 120 53 | 2839 81 | 10000 69 | 12840 50 |
| | Totals—1883 | 3375 94 | 6455 98 | 1687 47 | 1633 82 | 523 10 | 165 37 | 221 45 | 66321 66 | 1513 9 | 81693 73 | 131210 94 | 212079 72 |
| | Totals—1882 | 2402 53 | 3448 37 | 1261 98 | 837 58 | 336 58 | 153 67 | | 15877 86 | 1383 51 | 25907 57 | 112677 74 | 139385 31 |
| | Gain | 973 41 | 3007 61 | 425 49 | 796 29 | 186 52 | 11 70 | | 50444 80 | 130 41 | 55786 16 | 18533 20 | 72494 41 |

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| CHURCHES. | Conference | Resident Members. | POST OFFICES. | CHURCH CLERKS. | SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ada | 5 | 13 | Ada | S. A. Farnsworth | Fred L. Hampson |
| Afton | 1 | 13 | Afton | L. I. Olds | R. Buswell |
| Aitkin | 5 | 15 | Aitkin | C. J. Birch | F. E. Young |
| Alexandria | 2 | 57 | Alexandria | Wm. E. Chidester | Geo. L. Treat |
| Anoka | 1 | 90 | Anoka | E. L. Cunal | Rev. M. A. Steven |
| Appleton | 4 | 16 | Appleton | C. D. Hastings | C. D. Hastings |
| Audubon | 5 | 19 | Audubon | L. C. McKinstry | Thos. W. Dunlap |
| Austin | 6 | 198 | Austin | Wm. M. Howe | Harlan W. Page |
| Belgrade | 3 | 22 | Mankato | Dea. Jas. Torrey | ..... |
| Belle Prairie | 2 | 16 | Little Falls | ..... | ..... |
| Benson | 4 | 14 | Benson | J. T. Marvin | J. T. Marvin |
| Blue Hill | 2 | 8 | Princeton | J. C. Whelon | J. R. Crother |
| Bluffton | 5 | 16 | Bluffton | C. M. Matsby | C. S. Boss |
| Brainerd | 5 | 88 | Brainerd | A. E. Losey | W. H. Turner |
| Breckenridge | 5 | 7 | Breckenridge | Mrs. D. Oliver | D. H. Bicknell |
| Brownsdale | 6 | 13 | Brownsdale | ..... | ..... |
| Brownton | 1 | 16 | Brownton | John Thorn | D. T. Butler |
| Cannon City | 6 | 9 | Cannon City | ..... | ..... |
| Cannon Falls | 8 | 79 | " River Falls | W. H. Scofield | W. H. Scofield |
| Carson and Delton | 3 | 7 | Mountain Lake | A. B. Mills | Jerome Cutler |
| Chain Lake Center | 3 | 13 | Center Chain | Mrs. E. R. Strong | Ellery Prest |
| Claremont | 6 | 23 | Claremont | F. O. Stevens | Lewis Buck |
| Clearwater | 2 | 73 | Clearwater | Fred Ranney | Will B. Pines |
| Clifton | 7 | 7 | Marshall | A. E. Jackson | N. W. Eggleston |
| Cottage Grove | 1 | 74 | Cottage Grove | J. P. Furber | Theodore Furber |
| Crookston | 5 | 54 | Crookston | D. H. Beecher | Robert Stanton |
| Custer | 7 | 37 | Tracy | R. R. Hughes | James Morgan |
| Dassel | 1 | 31 | Dassel | Jas. S. Hough | A. W. Bell |
| Detroit | 5 | 16 | Detroit City | John K. West | E. R. Ogden, M.D. |
| Dexter | 6 | 4 | Dexter | ..... | ..... |
| Dodge Center | 6 | 16 | Dodge Center | T. J. Hunt | J. K. Fambar |
| Douglass | 8 | 17 | Hastings | N. W. Toplin | E. Harrison |
| Duluth—Pilgrim | 5 | 50 | Duluth | A. H. Foster | E. W. Malter |
| Easton | 2 | 7 | Easton | ..... | ..... |
| Eden | 7 | 21 | Lolland | Mrs. S C Luddington | T. Billington |
| Edgerton | 3 | 19 | Edgerton | Jas. W. Swan | E. W. Duty |
| Elk River | 1 | 74 | Elk River | Harry D. Mills | W. H. Houlton |
| Etna | 7 | 11 | Tyler | A. F. Blake | H. F. Blake |
| Evansville | 5 | 11 | Evansville | Nellie M. Bronson | Carrie R. Meeker |
| Excelsior | 1 | 112 | Excelsior | Rev. I. L. Cory | J. W. Murray |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Faribault | 6 | 169 | Faribault | S. B. Wilson | R. A. Mott |
| Fairmont | 3 | 52 | Fairmont | L. F. Brainerd | John H. Nason |
| Fergus Falls | 5 | 49 | Fergus Falls | W. D. Parkinson | C. L. Lewis |
| Freeborn | 3 | 38 | Freeborn | Miss RoannaTchillis | John C. Scoville |
| Freedom | 3 | 15 | Freedom | L. O. Garlick | Mrs. Rush |
| Gilbert | 6 | 16 | Faribault | Mrs. T. C. Adams | ..... |
| Glencoe | 1 | 35 | Glencoe | F. A. Graves | E. V. W. Brokaw |
| Glenwood | 2 | 1 | Glenwood | ..... | ..... |
| Glyndon | 5 | 35 | Glyndon | C. G. Tracy | A. C. Andrews |
| Granite Falls | 4 | 21 | Granite Falls | ..... | ..... |
| Goshen | 3 | 9 | ButternutVa'ly | Thomas Evan | Hugh Rowlans |
| Groveland | 1 | 15 | Chowen | K. H. Whipple | Mrs. W. Rohlfing |
| Green Prairie | 2 | 9 | Little Falls | ..... | I. Denney |
| Hamilton | 6 | 74 | Hamilton | William Gee | R. J. Hanes |
| Hancock | 4 | 23 | Hancock | Rev. G. B. Nutting | Mrs.S.H. Nutting |
| Hartland | 3 | 24 | Hartland | W. L. Hansen | F. E. Phipps |
| Havelock | 4 | 14 | Havelock | ..... | ..... |
| Hawley | 5 | 27 | Hawley | Adna Colburn Jr. | John Costain |
| High Forest | 8 | 34 | High Forest | C. R. Lyon | P. M. North |
| Hutchinson | 1 | 38 | Hutchinson | Howard Bacon | Mrs. — Pitcher |
| Janesville | 3 | 18 | Janesville | Mrs. Sarah Rounce | A. D. Wilson |
| Lac Qui Parle | 4 | 3 | Lac Qui Parle | ..... | ..... |
| Lake Benton | 7 | 21 | Lake Benton | Rev. A. Warren | O. W. Eckel |
| Lake City | 8 | 107 | Lake City | Rev. J. W. Horner | Henry Collins |
| Lakeland | 1 | 12 | Lakeland | T. C. Tyler | D. F. Gross |
| Lake Park | 5 | 3 | Lake Park | F. M. Higley | M. A. Sheldrup |
| Lake Stay | 7 | 20 | Lake Stay | Mrs.M. J. Carpenter | A. H. Carpenter |
| Lake View | 5 | 8 | Detroit City | M. J. Lewis | Mrs. T. Corbett |
| Lansing | 6 | 10 | Lansing | ..... | ..... |
| Little Falls | 2 | 34 | Little Falls | S. P. Fuller | A. Stone |
| Lu Verne & Clinton | 3 | 8 | Ash Creek | Earnest D. Knight | Joseph Knight |
| Maine | 5 | 11 | Maine | Geo. W. Cranger | Thomas S. Perry |
| Mankato | 3 | 75 | Mankato | Rev. H. A. Bushnell | WWPMcConnell |
| Mantorville | 6 | 50 | Mantorville | I. P. Brewer | D. K. Dibble |
| Mapleton | 3 | 10 | Mapleton | Daniel Brooks. | David Harriman |
| Marine—First | 1 | 6 | Marine | ..... | ..... |
| Marine—Second | 1 | 20 | Marine | ..... | ..... |
| Marshall | 7 | 60 | Marshall | Mrs.T.W. Robinson | Rev.J.B. Fairbank |
| Mazeppa | 8 | 30 | Mazeppa | R. E. Ruth | S. H. Wyatt |
| McPherson | 3 | 13 | WinbagoAg'cy | M. Wetherby | Mr. — Cook |
| Medford | 6 | 50 | Medford | Miron Skinner | L. R. Barlow |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mentor | 5 | 13 | Mentor | Henry Langton | John Van Tuyk |
| Minneapolis. First | 1 | 222 | Minneapolis | C. W. Hall | C. M. Bailey |
| Minneapolis. Plymouth | 1 | 677 | " | C. A. J. Marsh | Geo. B. Shepard |
| Minneapolis. Second | 1 | 162 | " | C. E. Young | Geo. Bacheller |
| Minneapolis. Pilgrim | 1 | 125 | " | John Chant | Samuel Beaun |
| Minneapolis. Vine | 1 | 33 | " | L. M. Thompson | Geo. G. Sanborn |
| Minneapolis. Como Avenue | 1 | 21 | " | Geo. H. Elwell | James T. Elwell |
| Minneapolis. Union | 1 | 16 | " | C. W. Porter | Richard Poole |
| Montevideo | 4 | 23 | Montevideo | Lucius F. Clark | J. G. Wood |
| Monticello | 2 | 41 | Monticello | A. F. Barker | A. F. Barker |
| Morris | 4 | 26 | Morris | R. C. Moore | D. T. Wheaton |
| Morristown | 6 | 35 | Morristown | Mrs. E. E. Rogers | John. Temple |
| Minnesota Lake | 3 | 11 | Min'sota Lake | ..... | ..... |
| Muskoda | 5 | 3 | Muskoda | ..... | ..... |
| New Richland | 3 | 6 | New Richland | H. M. Foss | E. E. Dunwoody |
| Northfield | 6 | 272 | Northfield | L. W. Chaney Jr. | Frank Cutler |
| Ortonville | 4 | 26 | Ortonville | E. H. Chapman | A. J. McCormic |
| Osakis | 2 | 11 | Osakis | ..... | Miss Allen Babbit |
| Owatonna | 6 | 144 | Owatonna | Alva N. Stoughton | L. L. Wheelock |
| Paynesville | 2 | 9 | Paynesville | ..... | ..... |
| Pelican Rapids | 5 | 20 | Pelican Rapids | Mrs. Theo. Frazee | C. M. Fate |
| Perham | 5 | 15 | Perham | Ed. H. Love | Ed. H. Love |
| Plainview | 8 | 95 | Plainview | R. C. Stillman | W. A. Pell |
| Preston Lake | 1 | 15 | Swansea | Watkin Eynon | Rev. S. H. Kellogg |
| Princeton | 2 | 16 | Princeton | ..... | ..... |
| Rendsville | 4 | 22 | Rendsville | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester | 8 | 124 | Rochester | C. H. Bliss | C. H. Bliss |
| Rose Creek | 6 | 17 | Rose Creek | F. Ray | D. McTavish |
| Rushford | 8 | 48 | Rushford | Rev. W. W. Snell | Rev. W. W. Snell |
| Salem | 3 | 34 | Salem | David Harris | David Hughes |
| Sauk Center | 2 | 80 | Sauk Center | James A. Morris | James A. Morris |
| Sauk Rapids | 2 | 34 | Sauk Rapids | David L. Glover | David Henderson |
| Scambler | 5 | 17 | Bangor | C. A. Cowles | W. L. Peet |
| Sherburne | 3 | 18 | Sherburne | L. A. Howland | W. L. Harnden |
| Sleepy Eye | 7 | 41 | Sleepy Eye | Isaac Gallagher | Geo. T. Bidwell |
| South Bend | 3 | 13 | South Bend | William Davis | David P. Davis |
| Springfield | 7 | 12 | Springfield | A. B. Hubbard | W. H. Tompkins |
| Spring Valley | 6 | 102 | Spring Valley | W. L. Kellogg | Frank V. Edwards |
| Stanley | 7 | 9 | Marshall | James Dick | ..... |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Stephen | 5 | 23 | Stephen | L. R. Decker | J. J. McLellan |
| Sterling | 3 | 19 | Sterling | John Taylor | T. A. Conrad |
| Stewartville | 8 | 14 | Stewartville | J. T. Collins | Robert Stauner |
| Stillwater | 1 | 14 | Stillwater | ..... | ..... |
| St. Charles | 8 | 70 | St. Charles | I. C. Brewer | E. M. Gallup |
| St. Cloud | 2 | 58 | St. Cloud | Geo. I. Porter | Joseph Chandler |
| St. Olaf | 5 | 19 | Ashby | Mrs. Agnes Hinkley | T. O. Hinkley |
| St. Paul. Plymouth | 1 | 406 | St. Paul | C. C. Helmick | Charles M. Power |
| St. Paul. Pacific | 1 | 39 | St. Paul | W. F. Myron | C. E. Clark |
| St. Paul. Atlantic | 1 | 25 | St. Paul | F. A. Davis | C. H. Cannon |
| St. Paul. Park | 1 | 46 | St. Paul | W. K. Mullikin | W. J. Dyer |
| Tracy | 7 | 9 | Tracy | F. E. Mallory | W. H. Moses |
| Tyler | 7 | 9 | Tyler | J. W. Field | ..... |
| Villard | 2 | 14 | Villard | ..... | ..... |
| Verndale | 5 | 9 | Verndale | J. T. Drawz | A. S. McMillan |
| Wabasha | 8 | 60 | Wabasha | C. H. Robinson | M. Kennedy |
| Wadena | 5 | 22 | Wadena | S. F. Yeaton | H. W. Fuller |
| Walnut Grove | 7 | 16 | Walnut Grove | Mrs. C.L.Webber | Mrs. C.L. Webber |
| Waseca | 3 | 128 | Waseca | Rev. L. W. Chaney | Chas. E. Leslie |
| Waterville | 6 | 17 | Waterville | Mrs A. P. Merrill | Dea. Higgins |
| Wayzata | 1 | 30 | Wayzata | Mrs. R. H. Battey | Rev.R.H.Battey |
| Westford | 3 | 8 | Westford | ..... | ..... |
| West Union | 2 | 12 | West Union | Hattie Walcott | Jacob Gross |
| Winona | 8 | 211 | Winona | Charles A. Tenney | Prof. I. Shepard |
| Witoka | 8 | 21 | Witoka | Geo. T. Rowley | H. C. Kidder |
| Worthington | 3 | 36 | Worthington | Geo. O. Moore | M. P. Mann |
| Zumbrota | 8 | 126 | Zumbrota | Harry C. Sargent | Mr. — Welch |

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| NAMES. | ORDAINED. Ye | Mo | Da | PRESENT RELATION. | P. O. ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong, Robert S. | 1856 | 4 | 13 | A. P. | Alma City | Mankato |
| Barnes, Jeremiah R. | 1838 | .... | | W. C. | Owatonna | ..... |
| Barteau, Sidney H. | 1857 | 2 | 19 | W. C. | Angus | Northern Pacifi |
| Battey, Richard H. | 1882 | 2 | 21 | A. P. | Wayzata | Anoka |
| Bicknell, Dennis H. | 1872 | 4 | 8 | A. P. | St. Charles | Northern Pacifi |
| Bird, Charles Willard | 1880 | 5 | 26 | A. P. | Perham | Owatonna |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851 | 11 | 1 | W. C. | Mazeppa | Chicago, Ill. |
| Bradshaw, John W. | 1874 | 10 | 19 | P. | Rochester | Winona |
| Bronson, Samuel M. | 1861 | 9 | 22 | A. P. | Evansville | Northern Pacif |
| Brown, J. Newton | 1870 | 10 | 23 | P. | Owatonna | Owatonna |
| Bushnell, Henry A. | 1882 | 7 | 27 | A. P. | Mankato | Winona |
| Cash, Elijah | 1878 | 5 | 14 | A. P. | Mapleton | Northern Indi |
| Champlin, Oliver P. | 1870 | 7 | 10 | A. P. | Clearwater | Central |
| Chandler, Joseph | 1846 | 5 | 22 | W. C. | St. Cloud | Central |
| Chandler, J. Hayes | 1883 | 11 | 13 | P. | St. Cloud | Central |
| Chaney, Lucian W. | 1852 | 12 | 29 | A. P. | Waseca. | Mankato |
| Chapin, Nathan C. | 1851 | 11 | 2 | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Conant, Charles A. | 1864 | 7 | 3 | A. P. | St. Paul | Winona |
| Cory, Isaac L. | 1879 | 9 | 10 | A. P. | Excelsior | Anoka |
| Crane, Edward P. | 1864 | 10 | 6 | A. P. | Wadena | Northern Pacif |
| Cross, Rowland S. | 1876 | 10 | 18 | A. P. | Can'on rivFalls | ..... |
| Crum, J. H. | 1862 | 10 | 2 | A. P. | Winona | Winona |
| Dana, M. M. G., D.D., | 1863 | 4 | 19 | P. | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Elmer, Hiram | 1844 | 7 | 9 | W. C. | Winona | Winona |
| Evans, E. C. | 1878 | 12 | 20 | A. P. | Brainard | Northern Pacif |
| Fairbank, John Barnard | 1860 | 10 | 24 | A. P. | Marshall | Western |
| Fisher, S. V. S. | 1874 | 3 | 12 | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Fisk, Perrin, B. | 1863 | 10 | 1 | Carl. Coll. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876 | 6 | 13 | P. | Freeborn | Mankato |
| Fuller. Americus | 1862 | 10 | 2 | A. P. | Minneapolis | Winona |
| Gale, Edmund | 1856 | 12 | 24 | A. P. | Faribault | Owatonna |
| Gleason, Herbert W. | Licentiate. | | | A. P. | Pelican Rapids | ..... |
| Hadden, Archibald | 1880 | 12 | 15 | A. P. | Ortonville | Minnesota Val |
| Hall, Richard | 1850 | 8 | 8 | W. C. | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Hart, Hastings Hornell | 1881 | 2 | 2 | W. C. | St. Paul | Mankato |
| Hargrave, John W. | 1878 | 10 | 9 | P. | Aitkin | Northern Pacif |
| Hayward, John | 1877 | .... | | A. P. | New Richland | Southern Kans |
| Henderson David | 1874 | 12 | 10 | A. P. | Sauk Rapids | Central |
| Herrick, Robert P. | 1883 | 6 | .. | A. P. | Montevideo | Hartford So. |
| Hood, George A. | 1869 | 9 | 30 | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Horner, John W. | 1876 | .... | | A. P. | Lake City | DesMoinesRiv |
| Hovey, H. C. D.D. | ..... | | | P. | Minneapolis | ..... |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878 | 12 | 12 | W. C. | St. Cloud | Central |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846 | .... | | W. C. | Sterling | Mankato |
| Huntington, Geo. Prof. | 1864 | 5 | 18 | Carl. Coll. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Hurd, Alva A. | 1872 | 3 | 21 | A. P. | Monticello | Central |
| Hutchins, Robert G. DD. | 1896 | .... | | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Hutchinson, J. P. | 1874 | .... | | A. P. | Morris | Minnesota Val |
| James, William A. | 1867 | .... | | W. C. | Minneapolis | Marshall, Mid |
| Jenkins, William M. | 1865 | 9 | 17 | A. P. | Elk River | Anoka |
| Jewell, J. Spencer | 1866 | .... | | A. P. | Alexandria | Cayuga Presb |
| Johnson, George | 1872 | 11 | 13 | A. P. | Bangor | Northern Pac |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jones, David D. | ..... | | | W. C. | Balaton | Western |
| Kidder, Josiah | 1880 | 12 | 2 | A. P. | Springfield | Western |
| Kinney, Henry N. | 1882 | 10 | 19 | P. | Fergus Falls | Northern Pacific |
| Kribs, Ludwig | 1843 | 7 | 5 | W. C. | Hawley | Northern Pacific |
| Lathrop, A. C. | 1843 | 2 | 24 | W. C. | Glenwood | Central |
| Lewis, Daniel M. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Glencoe | ..... |
| Loring, Levi | 1802 | 7 | 9 | W. C. | Minneapolis | St. Croix Val'y Wis. |
| Lyman, William A. | 1876 | 10 | 18 | A. P. | Spring Valley | Western |
| Matthews, Caleb | 1837 | 10 | . | A. P. | Egan, D. T. | Madison, Wis. |
| Montgomery, M. W. | 1878 | 10 | 11 | A. H. M. S. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Morley, John H. | 1867 | 1 | 2 | A. P. | St. Paul | Winona |
| Morse, Alfred | 1848 | 6 | 7 | W. C. | Austin | Owatonna |
| Morse, Edgar L. | 1879 | 12 | 2 | A. P. | Glyndon | Northern Pacific |
| Moses, Leonard H. | 1876 | 11 | 24 | A. P. | Cottage Grove | Owatonna |
| Mowery, Christian | 1878 | 6 | 18 | A. P. | New Ulm | Western |
| Nason, John H. | 1862 | 9 | 9 | A. P. | Fairmont | Mankato |
| Noyes, Edward M. | 1883 | 9 | 26 | P. | Duluth | Northern Pacific |
| Nutting, George B. | 1851 | 8 | 21 | W. C. | Hancock | Minnesota Valley |
| Page, Charles E. | 1873 | 12 | .. | A. P. | Crookston | Northern Pacific |
| Parmelee, W. J. | 1883 | 11 | 21 | A. P. | Dassel | ..... |
| Pasco, Martin K. | 1869 | .. | .. | A. P. | Brownton | Anoka |
| Pearson, A. H. Prof. | 1880 | 7 | 7 | Carl. Coll. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Peregrine, Philip K. | 1861 | 3 | 10 | A. P. | Tracy | Western |
| Perkins, Sidney K. | 1880 | 7 | 20 | A. P. | Plainview | Winona |
| Pierce, Nathaniel H. | 1860 | 3 | 15 | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Powell, William | 1863 | 4 | 13 | A. P. | Courtland | Mankato |
| Quayle, Thomas R. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Rush City | ..... |
| Ray, John W. | 1857 | 1 | .. | A. P., P. C. | Lake City | Winona |
| Ricker, George S. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Stillwater | ..... |
| Rogers, Enoch E. | 1809 | 5 | 12 | A. P. | Morristown | Owatonna |
| Rounce, Joseph S. | 1852 | 2 | .. | A. P. | Janesville | Mankato |
| Ruddock, Charles A. | 1861 | 5 | 21 | A. P. | Hancock | Minnesota Valley |
| Ruddock, Edward N. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Appleton | ..... |
| Rundell, O. O. | 1874 | 10 | 9 | A. P. | Little Falls | Mankato |
| Sargent, George W. | 1859 | 12 | 16 | A. P. | Granite Falls | Minnesota Valley |
| Scudder, John L. | 1877 | 12 | 26 | P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842 | 3 | 24 | W. C. | Zumbrota | Owatonna |
| Sheldon, Charles B. | 1851 | 10 | 17 | W. C. | Excelsior | Anoka |
| Smith, Oscar M. | 1863 | 2 | 25 | A. P. | Hawley | Northern Pacific |
| Snell, William W. | 1859 | 10 | 10 | A. P. | Rushford | Winona |
| Stevens, Moody A. | 1862 | 12 | 9 | A. P. | Anoka | Anoka |
| Stickney, Edwin H. | 1881 | 7 | 5 | A. P. | Detroit City | Northern Pacific |
| Strong, Jas. W., D.D., Pr. | 1862 | 9 | 28 | Carl. Coll. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Strong, John C. | 1846 | 11 | 16 | W. C. | Center Cham | Owatonna |
| Sutherland, Wm. L. | 1880 | 12 | 15 | W. C. | Fergus Falls | Northern Pacific |
| Tebbets, Arthur H. | 1874 | 7 | 1 | A. P. | Dodge Center | Owatonna |
| Todd, John W. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Paynesville | Central |
| Torrey Reuben A. | ..... | .. | .. | A. P. | Minneapolis | ..... |
| Tuttle, Harmon B. | 1874 | 1 | 20 | W. C. | St. Charles | Winona |
| Tyler, Henry F | 1880 | .. | .. | A. P. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Vetaw, Elihu H. | 1872 | .. | .. | A. P. | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Walcott, Frank N. | 1877 | 12 | 30 | Fi'el. Mis'y | Minneapolis | Anoka |

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| Warren, Albert | 1872 | 8 | 1 | A. P. | Lake Benton | Western |
| Watson, Charles P. | 1857 | .. | .. | A. P. | Tracy | Winona |
| Wells, John A. | 1852 | 9 | 7 | A. P. | Ada | Northern Pacific |
| Willard, Henry | 1858 | 10 | 20 | A. P. | Mantorville | Owatonna |
| Williams, Edward M. | 1869 | 2 | 25 | A. P. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Williams, Edwin Sidney | 1864 | 6 | 10 | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Willey, Austin | 1859 | 5 | 18 | W. C. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Wright, Cassius E. | 1871 | 2 | 3 | P. | Austin | Owatonna |

# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

ART. 2. This General Association shall consist of all the Evangelical Congregational Churches of Minnesota and vicinity which are willing to adopt its Constitution, Confession and By-Laws; each church being represented by its Pastor, or Stated Supply, and one delegate, and also of missionaries in the employ of the American Home Missionary Society engaged in active duty in this State, but not in charge of churches which are members of the association, and ordained ministers, members of any church in this Association, other than Pastor or Stated Supply, and all officers of the Association.

ART. 3. Other ordinary ministers who may be present at the meeting of this body, and any one formally invited to speak or present a paper before the Association, may be enrolled as honorary members; and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Association except the right of voting.

ART. 4. All officers of the Association shall be elected by ballot or public nomination, except when otherwise ordered by special vote.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Association, and also to collect information, and, at each meeting, exhibit a report of the state of religion in the self-supporting churches within the limits of the Association.

ARTICLE 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the ... Association, who shall hold office for three years ... Statistical Secretary shall be chosen, to con... three years.

ARTICLE 7. A Treasurer and Auditor shall be annually chosen.

ARTICLE 8. The object of the General Association shall be to ... and harmony among the churches en... Association, and to produce a more extensive co... good work.

ARTICLE 9. No ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be ... General Association, or be delegated to it.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall meet on the second Wed... ... o'clock P. M., to continue until Sabbath ...

ARTICLE 11. The annual meeting of the Association shall be ... from one appointed at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE 12. At each meeting of the Association, a Committee ... and Devotional Exercises, a Committee on ... Business Committee, each consisting of three ... appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all ... brought before the Association, shall be intro... Business Committee, or by special vote.

ARTICLE 13. The Association may interchange friendly cor... other religious bodies in the habit of such in... ... from other bodies to this Association. ... honorary members to participate in the ...

ARTICLE 14. The public religious exercises shall be closed by ... the Lord's Supper.

ARTICLE 15. The Association, shall establish its own By-Laws ... subjects to alteration, at future meetings.

ARTICLE 16. The Constitution of this Association may be ... at any meeting of this body, by a vote of two-... ... present.

## BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. It shall be the duty of the ... for the assembling of the Asso... ... Secretary or Pastor of the Church with... ... shall call the members to order ... shall be appointed to act ... ... the certificate of delegate, shall ... the members enrolled, after ... ... shall be elected

2. In making the enrollment, slips of paper shall be furnished to every member, who shall write on it his name and church he represents, indicating whether he is a minister or delegate; and from these slips the Scribe shall make out the roll.

3. A committee shall be appointed by the Association, who shall nominate Committee on Place and Preacher; on Resolutions; on Printing and Finance; and other committees as they may be needed.

4. The Constitution and Rules of the Association shall then be read.

5. At each meeting of the Association, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of the Association.

7. Every church applying for admission to the Association shall present, for examination, its Confession of Faith and Convenant, and the Association shall take a formal vote on its reception.

8. After the place of the Succeeding meeting is determined, the officers required by Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13, of the Constitution, shall be elected.

9. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if required, be reduced to writing; and every motion intended to be incorporated in full in the minutes shall be presented in writinig before it is acted upon by the Association.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment or reference.

11. At each annual meeting of the Association, a Visiting Committee of five members, not connected with the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed to examine into the condition of Carleton College, and report at the next meeting.

12. The Recording Secretary shall receive and keep on file the results of Councils, whereby ministers shall be ordained, installed, or dismissed within the State; and the Scribes of councils are respectfully requested to send such results to the Recording Secretary.

# MINNESOTA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Association, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the society.

ART. 3. The object of this society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society, in diffusing the gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching; and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall be chosen anually by the local conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the local conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmo-

nious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of home missions, shall also make written report to the society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Association, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; together with the chairmen of the conference committees, shall nominate in case of vacancy, the superintendents to the parent society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds to the directors for an amount not exceeding $3.000, to be fixed by them; shall receive all money coming into the society, and shall remit the same every month to the parent society. He shall also make an annual report to the society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent society as coming directly to the treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent society, shall give themselves to the work of securing ministers for missionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies up to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the superintendent of their re-

spective districts, for the information of the officers of the society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present: *provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceeding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

## [illegible] AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

### [illegible] INSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called "The Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society."

ART. 2. It shall be the sole object of this society to procure take care of and disburse a fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel *or indigent ministers, and such families*, who, in either case, have complied with the terms of Arts. 10 and 11.

ART. 3. The members of the General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, for any year, shall for that year constitute the members of this society.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of six [illegible] at least three of whom shall be clergymen, to be [illegible] year, to serve for three years, at the annual [illegible] General Association of our churches, from its [illegible] time preferred at the time of election.

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after [illegible] choosing from their number a President, a [illegible] Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall [illegible].

[illegible] meetings of the Trustees may be called at [illegible] to transact any business which cannot be [illegible] correspondence with each other; and they shall [illegible] to examine accounts, records, reports, etc., [illegible] session of the Annual Association of [illegible] society to the report of their officers to [illegible].

[illegible] Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to [illegible] faithful discharge of his duties, in a sum

equal, in the judgment of the Trustees, to the amount of funds to be entrusted to his care during his term of office.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meetings of the Trustees, and to correspond if thought necessary, with the parties applying for aid; of the Secretary, to keep the records of the society, to preserve on file all its papers, to submit the same when desired to the Trustees for examination, and to read before each Annual Association of our churches the records of the past year.

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, shall invest the funds of the society, and if loans are made to individuals, take ample security in unencumbered farming lands. He shall also make disbursements to beneficiaries, at the written order to the Trustees, signed by the President and Secretary, and present a written report annually to the General Association, in which a full account shall be given of all receipts, investments and disbursements for the time covered by such report.

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant aid only to persons described in Article 2, and recommended to them by at least two ministers of the gospel or other reliable persons; and the appropriation shall not exceed the income for the year. The amount liable to be appropriated in any year shall be placed on deposit, and at the end of six months the proper appropriation shall be made to all applicants received during that time; and then which remains unappropriated shall be permanently invested; and so of the amount remaining after the appropriation of the next six months.

ART. 11. Any Evangelical minister of the gospel, with his family, shall be eligible to aid from the Society after commencing to pay in its treasury annually not less than one dollar, and pledging himself to increase its funds by securing, if possible, legacies and donations in real estate or money. The Treasurer shall keep the records of the names of all persons complying with this rule, and an opportunity for making this contribution shall be given at every annual meeting of our Association. Those not present at the meeting shall forward their contributions to the Treasurer within three months, or forfeit their membership unless excused by him for the neglect.

ART. 12. The General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, in case of the desolution of this society, shall own and dispose of its funds, and shall have power to make any alterations in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; *Provided*, that such alterations shall have been proposed in writing and admitted for consideration by a majority vote.

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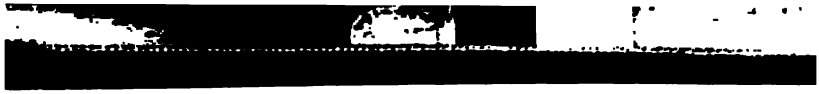

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# OFFICERS

OF THE

# General ☆ Congregational ☆ Association

OF MINNESOTA, 1884.

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REV. J. B. FAIRBANK, Ortonville.

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2. CENTRAL, - - - - J. Hayes Chandler, St. Cloud.
3. MANKATO, - - - - - Rev. H. H. Hart, St Paul.
4. MINNESOTA VALLEY, Rev. Geo. B. Nutting, Hancock.
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7. WESTERN, - - - Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Ortonville.
8. WINONA, - - - - Rev. S. K. Perkins, Plainview.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

WINONA, 7:30 P. M. Third Tuesday in September, 1885.

Wright, L. L. Wheelock.

FINANCE AND PRINTING:—Rev. R. A. Rev. A. Hadden, James G. Nind.

REVIVALS:—Rev. C. W. Merrill, Minnea taw, Henry Plant.

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TAXATION OF PARSONAGES:—Rev. M. McG. Judge A. H. Young, Rev. H. C. Hovey,

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TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE:— Rev. E. C

# MINUTES.

The General Congregational Association of Minnesota met for the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting with the Congregational church of St. Cloud, on Wednesday, November 5th, 1884, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. R. A. Torrey and Rev. Wm. W. Snell conducted the opening exercises.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Pearson, of Northfield, from Philippians 1:21—"For me to Live is Christ."

After the sermon Rev. J. H. Chandler, of St. Cloud, welcomed the Association in a brief and fitting address.

Benediction by Rev. W. W. Snell.

## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Rev. J. H. Chandler, pastor of the church in St. Cloud.

Prayer was ofiered by Rev. Dr. Davis.

Rev. S. K. Perkins was chosen temporary scribe, and the roll was made out as follows:

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| East Brainerd | | D. C. Reid |
| Brownton | | M. K. Pasco |
| Clearwater | | G. W. Sargent |
| Cannon Falls | | R. S. Cross. |
| Center Chain | | J. H. Nason |
| Cottage Grove | | |
| Crookston | | C. E. Page |
| Detroit | | E. H. Stickney |
| Douglass | | R. S. Cross |
| Duluth | | E. M. Noyes |
| Elk River | | W. M. Jenkins |
| Excelsior | | J. L. Cory |
| Fairmont | | J. H. Nason |
| Faribault | | |
| Fergus Falls | | J. F. Taintor |
| Freeborn | | |
| Glencoe | | D. M. Lewis |
| Granite Falls | | T. E. Lewis |
| Glyndon | | E. L. Morse |
| Groveland | | C. A. Conant |
| Hamilton | | E. F. Hunt |
| Hancock | | C. A. Ruddock |
| Hutchinson | | |
| Lake Benton | | Albert Warren |
| Lakeland | | Geo. S. Ricker |
| Lake Park | | E. H. Stickney |
| Lake View | | E. H. Stickney. |
| Little Falls | | E. C. Reid |
| Mankato | | H. A. Bushnell |
| Medford | | Wm. L. Sutherland |
| neapolis. | Plymouth | |
| | Second | H. C. Hovey, D. D |
| | Pilgrim | |
| | Vine | S. V. S. Fisher |
| | Como Ave. | A. Fuller |

ROLL.

| CHURCHES. | MINISTERS. | DELEGATES. |
|---|---|---|
| Paynesville.... | Rev. J. W. Todd..... | Geo. S. Bosworth..... |
| Perham..... | C. W. Bird..... | ..... |
| Plainview..... | S. K. Perkins..... | Mrs. G. H. Smith..... |
| Princeton ..... | Geo. H. Smith..... | ..... |
| Rochester..... | J. W. Bradshaw..... | Dea. E. Damon ..... |
| Rushford..... | Wm. W. Snell..... | Mrs. W. W. Snell..... |
| St. Paul — Plymouth . | M. McG. Dana, D. D..... | Rev. H. H. Hart ..... |
| St. Paul — Pacific.... | E. C. Evans..... | Mrs. E. C. Evans..... |
| St. Paul — Atlantic... | E. H. Votaw..... | Dea. Geo. M. Gage..... |
| St. Paul — Park ..... | J. H. Morley..... | W. J. Dyer..... |
| Sauk Center... | J. B. Drew ..... | Geo. Bishop..... |
| Sauk Rapids... | N. H. Pierce..... | Dea. J. Carpenter..... |
| Sherburne. ... | J. H. Nason..... | ..... |
| St. Cloud..... | J. H. Chandler..... | J. E. Wing ..... |
| Springfield.... | J. Kidder..... | ..... |
| Spring Valley.. | ..... | Miss Nellie Higby ..... |
| Stillw'er(Grace) | Geo. S. Ricker ..... | ..... |
| Villard ..... | ..... | E. M. Woodward..... |
| Wabasha ..... | N. T. Blakeslee..... | Cyrus H. Robinson..... |
| Wadena..... | E. P. Crane..... | Dea. H. W. Fuller..... |
| Waseca ..... | L. W. Chaney ..... | Dea. J. M. Claghorn ..... |
| Wayzata..... | C. A. Conant..... | ..... |
| Winona..... | J. H. Crum ..... | Mrs. A. C. Tearse..... |
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| Zumbrota..... | W. C. Rice..... | J. C. Stearns..... |

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Rev. E. S. Williams, Minneapolis.
Rev. C. B. Sheldon, Excelsior.

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Rev. Geo. Wiberg, Minneapolis—Swede Gen. Missionary.
Rev. E. V. Campbell, Pastor Presbyterian Church, St. Cloud.
Rev. R. R. Coon, Pastor Baptist Church, St. Cloud.

The Business Committee also prese
nating Committee, which was appoint
Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. C. A. C

PAPER.

Rev. J. W. Bradshaw presented
Councils, which was accepted and refe
sisting of Prof. Geo. Huntington, Rev
J. L. Noyes.

MEMORIAL ON SUNDAY

The Scribe read a memorial address
a committee of the last National Cou
Sunday School work of the denominati
requests:

I. We request that, unless you have alr
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committees.

II. We request that whatever other ir
by the State associations ond conferences, a
questions, shall be uniformly given by them
statistics of the churches.

(1.) The name and address of the S

**III. We ask you to recommend to the churches of your state to observe the second Sunday in June as Children's Day.**

This memorial was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Rev. E. H. Stickney and Rev. W. L. Sutherland.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Treasurer, made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Auditor.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank also made a verbal report as chairman of the committee on finance and printing.

The report of Rev. Geo. A. Hood, chairman of the committee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws, was referred back to the committee for amendment.

Rev. E. M. Williams, chairman of the committee on nominations, reported, nominating committees as follows:

ON RESOLUTIONS:—Rev. A. Fuller, Rev. W. C. Rice, Bro. E. Damon, Rev. I. L. Cory, Rev. E. H. Votaw.

TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE:—Rev. E. C. Evans, Rev. J. S. Jewell, Rev. J. Newton Brown, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, Bro. C. E. Young, Bro. Henry Stevens, Bro. E. P. Mills.

ON PLACE AND PREACHER,—Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. E. F. Hunt, Rev. R. S. Cross.

The report was adopted.

### TAXATION OF PARSONAGES.

A communication from the Episcopal ministers of St. Paul, regarding the taxation of church parsonages, was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Judge A. H. Young and Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D.

The report of the committee on revivals was made by Rev. E. E. Rogers, with an address upon the subject. Report accepted and referred to the printing committee.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

### ANNIVERSARY OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID SOCIETY.

Rev. E. S. Williams, Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Society, made his annual report, which was accepted and referred to the Auditor.

..... viz. Rev. W. A. Jame
W. H. Lauderdale.

MANUAL.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery, as chairn
report:

The committee on State Manual recomm
our churches of Ross' "Pocket Manual of Co

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The report of the State Sunday Sch
by Rev. E. H. Stickney, and was accep
committee to whom was referred the
Schools, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, chairma

The anniversary of the Minnesota W
ary Society occupied the attention of th
to 4:15.

CARLETON COLLEGE

Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D., of Carl
annual report (see appendices "A"), an
ported for the Visiting Committee.

These reports were accepted and refe
on printing.

The following resolutions, offered by
adopted:

**That we most earnestly commend to our men of means, and patrons of learning everywhere, the present need of this college, and great importance of assisting it at this juncture in its history, when so much depends upon the speedy securing of the fund called for.**

Informal addresses followed, by Rev. Chas. Secombe, Rev. Dr. Dana, Rev. H. H. Hart, Rev. E. S. Williams, Prof. J. L. Noyes and others, and the proposition to begin at once the raising of money for the endowment fund was seconded by pledges from various individuals, amounting to more than $1200.

## THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Called to order at 7:30, Rev. C. E. Wright, assistant moderator, in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. H. H. Hart.

W. J. Dyer, St. Paul, presented a paper on "How to Secure better Teaching."

The Association was then addressed by Rev. A. E. Dunning, Secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society..

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Crum.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M., Friday.

## FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order at 8:45, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Prof. Geo. Huntington.

Minutes and roll were read for correction.

(The anniversary of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society occupied the time from 9 to 11:15.)

On resuming the business of the Association, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the National Council, and other Sunday school matters, made his report, which was accepted, and the following resolution was adopted:

with reference to State S. S. committee, t
the observance of Children's Day, and we
tions of the National Council be adopted as
body, and that the S. S. committee be made
tees of this association. We gladly express
the S. S. helps issued by our own publicatic
commend them to the churches.

We further recommend that measures b
the securing of a State S. S. Superintendent

The nominating committee reporte
S. S. committee, Rev. E. M. Noyes,
Stickney, of Detroit, and Rev. J. H. Cl

Devotional meeting was led by Bro.

Adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

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## FRIDAY—AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator, at 1:3

Report of committee on revision o
was adopted, with the exception of secti
time of the annual meeting) which w
committee, and of number 13 of the rul
out, and the matter referred back to the

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of St. Cloud, pre

Rev. C. A. Taintor, field secretary, made an address in behalf of this, the Church and Parsonage Building Society.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we express our gratitude for the abundant and helpful work done in our state by the American Congregational Union, and that we commend it to the larger aid and support of the churches.

At 3 o'clock the exercises of the association gave place to the anniversary of the Minnesota branch of the W. B. M. I.

At 4:15 the association was called to order by Prof. J. L. Noyes, assistant moderator.

### THE PILGRIM.

Rev. J. H. Morley, for the business committe, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Pilgrim be continued, with instructions to provide for the publishing of the paper.

The committee is as follows:—Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis; Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. R. S. Cross, Rev. J. Newton Brown, Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. C. A. Conant, Rev. F. N. Walcott, C. W. Hackett.

The committee subsequently presented the following resolution, which was adopted;

*Resolved*, That we express our hearty approval of the management of the Pilgrim during the past year; that we recognize in it an important aid in our work, as affording a means of communication and bond of fellowship among our churches, and that we recommend to our pastors and churches that they make special effort to increase its circulation.

Rev. S. V. S. Fisher read a paper on the new creed, which was accepted and referred to the committee on printing.

Rev. E. J. Alden presented the interests of the Congregational Publishing Society.

Adjourned till 7 P. M.

## FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Rev. L. W. Chaney, Corresponding Secretary, read the narrative of religion in the self-supporting churches (see appendices "B").

Report accepted and referred to committee on printing.

...two chief cities, recognize gratefully his
in the cause he has advocated so long and su

That we pledge our support to the pro
vote the question of a constitutional amendr
a beverage, of intoxicants.

That we urge the importance of the wor
struction relative to the effects of the habi
all our schools.

That in our Sabbath Schools special att
their members actively on the side of temper

That we further call upon our pastors an
signal opportunities of the hour, and the con
among the thoughtful people of our count
that the home must somehow be protected a
unutterable woes it everywhere entails, and t
effort and influence in this moment of pron
good will are imperative for the best interests

ADDRESSES.

Rev. C. W. Shelton, Western Secretai
sionary Association, presented the work

An address on home missions was m
Barrows, D. D., Secretary of the Amei
Society.

Rev. J. K. Greene, missionary of the
on foreign missions.

## SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order at 9 A. M., the Moderator in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Evans.

The nominating committee reported the following committees:

ON FINANCE AND PRINTING:—Rev. R. A. Torrey, Rev. Archibald Hadden, Bro. J. G. Nind.

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE:—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. Geo. W Sargent, Rev. H. A. Bushnell, Rev. T. E. Lewis, Rev. E. L. Morse, Rev. W. L. Sutherland, Rev. Josiah Kidder, Rev. R. S. Cross.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:—Prof. Geo. Huntington, Rev. C. E. Wright, Bro. L. L. Wheelock.

ON ARRANGEMENTS:—Rev. J. H. Crum, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, Bro Henry Stevens.

ON REVIVALS:—Rev. C. W. Merrill, Rev. E. H. Votaw, Bro. Henry Plant.

ON TAXATION OF PARSONAGES:—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D., Judge A. H. Young, Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D.

The report was adopted.

The report of the committee to whom Rev. J. W. Bradshaw's paper on Recognition Councils was referred, was accepted, and the whole matter was referred to a special committee, with instructions to report through the columns of the Pilgrim, and at the next meeting of the association.

### ON ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

The committee on admission of new churches recommended the following churches for fellowship:

First Congregational church, Park Rapids.
Second Congregational church, Brainerd.
Congregational church, Janesville.
Congregational church, Lake Emily.
Mayflower Congregational church, Minneapolis.
Open Door Congregational church, Minneapolis.
Lyndale Avenue Congregational church, Minneapolis.

On motion, these churches were received.

The committee on constitution reported that article 7, section 1, read, "third Tuesday in September, at 7:30 P. M."

Adopted.

Rule 13 was reported to read as follows:

Recommendation adopted, and co
lows: Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., R
Bro. W. J. Dyer.

The nominating committee reporte
tee to consider the matter of recogn
above: Prof. Geo. Huntington, Rev. J
Noyes.

Report adopted.

Nominated also as auditor for the
Plant, who was elected.

As secretary of the association, R
was unanimously elected.

Rev. J. W. Strong, D. D., presente
tion, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

**WHEREAS, an impression appears to have**
**up by certain religious journals, not of our ow**
**fect that there is among the ministry of our c**
**dency to "modified Universalism."**

***Resolved*, That, if by this is meant that th**
**our pastors to repudiate any doctrine con**
**creed of the denomination, we do not believe**
**it understood by those who listened to or hav**

meeting of our Association, not only in the evidences we have had of a year of remarkable growth and progress in all departments of our church work, but especially in the delightful and quickening influences of the Holy Spirit, which have been so richly shed upon us in all our assemblies, enabling us to dispose of the business of the session with unanimity and dispatch, and giving us rich experience of the loving fellowship of the church of Christ in the earth.

*Resolved*, That we hear with great joy of the advance steps which have been taken this year in the various departments of Home Mission work in our state, and are especially gratified that Rev. E. E. Rogers has been engaged to labor as an evangelist among our churches. We heartily recommend him to our churches to assist them in revival work, and invoke for him and them in this work the abundant blessing and power of the Holy Spirit.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches the use of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

Rev. H. H. Hart, Secretary of the State Board of Corrections and Charities, occupied ten minutes in presenting the work of the Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the work of our State Board of Corrections and Charities, as presented by its energetic, capable and devoted Secretary, Rev. H. H. Hart, and we cordially commend it to the attention, the prayers, and the intelligent co-operation of our churches.

Rev. I. L. Cory made a brief address in behalf of Excelsior Academy, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we heartily commend the efforts to found a Christian Academy at Excelsior, and pledge to that institution our prayers and support.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Printing, reported the apportionment of the estimated expenses of the Association among the conferences as follows:

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|---|---|
| Anoka Conference | $192.00 |
| Central Conference | 31.00 |
| Mankato Conference | 40.00 |
| Minnesota Valley Conference | 13.00 |
| Northern Pacific Conference | 38.00 |
| Owatonna Conference | 85.00 |
| Western Conference | 15.00 |
| Winona Conference | 71.00 |

Report adopted.

and esteem.

Rev. Charles Secombe, the first pa
tional Church in the State, offered pra

The Committee on Resolutions
which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recognize with speci
which has been so signally shown to the fa
faith and order in our state, in the perso
most faithful ministers of our churches,—R
completed the 30th year of consecutive lab
ford; Rev. Charles B. Sheldon, for twenty-ei
in Excelsior, and Rev. Chas. Secombe, the
gregational church in the state. We welco
to-day as a token of God's faithfulness to hi
sing to us who are permitted to enjoy their c
invoke for them the continued and abunda
the great Head of the church, that their li
and their usefelness in the ministry abunda
ing for their Master's coming attended wit
peace.

Rev. J. H. Crum made an address
Unchurched Masses.

Rev. J. H. Chandler made report o
Appointments, which was adopted as

7 P. M.—Fellowship meeting, conducted by Rev. M. W. Montgomery.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:—A. M., Rev. L. W. Chaney; P. M., Rev. J. H. Nason.

BAPTIST CHURCH:—A. M., Rev. J. F. Taintor; P. M., Rev. J. B. Fairbank.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:—A. M., Rev. E. H. Votaw; P. M., Rev. H. H. Hart.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. E. E. Rogers.

The following resolution, "to be read by the Moderator at the final session of the Association," was passed.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this association be tendered to the Congregational church and friendly coadjutors of St. Cloud, for their bountiful hospitality, for their efficient labors in all the details of reception and entertainment, for their faithful attendance upon the sessions here, and for their aid as led by the choir in the service of song, whereby we have been refreshed both in body and soul, by interchange of fellowship.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Morley, it was voted that at the close of the Sunday evening services the Association stand adjourned to meet at Winona, on the third Tuesday in September, 1885.

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## SATURDAY—AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Recess was taken during Saturday afternoon.

A sociable, held in the church, occupied Saturday evening.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

The appointments of the Sabbath were all filled.

At the fellowship meeting in the evening brief addresses were made by home missionaries and others. The Moderator presented the vote of thanks, pastor Chandler made response, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet at Winona on the third Tuesday in September, 1885.

SIDNEY K. PERKINS, Scribe.

M. W. MONTGOMERY, Moderator.

John B. Fairbank, Treasurer, in acc
tional Association of Minnesota,

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To amount received of W. J. Dyer, form
To amount of special contributions, r
mouth church, Minneapolis, $50; P
$30; Northfield, $25; First church, M
$20; Rochester, $10; Austin, $10; C
$10; Second church, Minneapolis, $
From three churches of Anoka Conferer
Advertisements in the Minutes.....
From Anoka Conference, 1884.....
From Central Conference, 1884.....
From Mankato Conference, 1884.....
From Minnesota Valley Conference, 188
From Northern Pacific Conference, 1884.
From Owatonna Conference, 1884.....
From Western Conference.....
From Winona Conference.....

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By paid Treasurer of National Council b
Printing Minutes of 1883.....

# CONSTITUTION AND RULES

—OF THE—

# General Congregational Association

## OF MINNESOTA.

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## CONSTITUTION.

### NAME.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

### OBJECT.

ART. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational churches in Minnesota.

### STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

ART. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who together with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

Christ, His Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the O
the record of God's revelation of Himself in
that they were written by men under the spe
Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto
constitute the authorative standard by wh
human conduct are to be regulated and judg

VI. We believe that the love of God to
highest expression in the redemptive work
man, uniting His divine nature with our hu
who was tempted like other men, yet without
tion, His holy obedience, His sufferings, His
resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; wh
the sins of the world declares the righteousne
and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of rec

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ after H
ascended into heaven, where, as the one medi
He carries forward His work of saving men
Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them
and that those who through renewing grace tu
trust in Jesus Christ as their redeemer, receive
ness of their sins, and are made the children of

VIII. We believe that those who are thus r
grow in sanctified character through fellowshi
ing of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the tr
fruit and evidence of saving faith; and that th
tinuance in such a life is in the preserving gra

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ

growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches, under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another, may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship, may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments, which Christ has appointed for His church: Baptism, to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of his atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby He confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with Himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member — – made such by vote ——of a Congregational conference in this State, of the evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also one delegate from each church connected with such conference, conference registrars, officers of this Association, and members of its standing committees.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the Nominating Committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership, except that of voting.

## OFFICERS.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant-Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot; an Assistant Scribe and Auditor, chosen annually *viva voce*; and a Secretary elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer.

These shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

## COMMITTEES.

ART. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association, to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on Finance and Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each; a Committee to visit Carleton College, and a Committtee on "The Pilgrim," of five members each; and a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference. The

third Tuesday in September, at seven a
close on Friday evening.

II. Should an exigency arise requirin
or a change from the appointed time c
change may be made by the Moderator, t
ness committee, and chairman of the com
three of these, upon giving adequate noti

## AMENDMENTS AN

ART 8.—I. This constitution may be a
by a two-thirds vote of the members pres
having been given at the previous meetin

II. Any rule of the Association may b
two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, esta
shall be read on two days and may be di
the first reading the question shall be: *Sh*

## RULES

1. At the annual meeting the Moderato
their absence the Secretary, or the minist
the meeting is held, shall preside until pe
The first session shall be opened with a se
nate appointed by the Association, if he sh
a minister appointed by the Business Com

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing; and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice, or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a committee on credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars, the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services he may receive fifty dollars and expenses.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars, the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the appointment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting, and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when the reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the Constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall nominate the Moderator, Scribe, and members of the nominating committee. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The nominating committee shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting, and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the treasurer; and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year, and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association, if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule shall be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates-at-large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of this State at the National Council.

TRUSTEES:

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| Rev. J. L. Scudder, | G. A. Wheato |
| Rev. E. S. Williams. | A. W. Norto |
| Rev. W. A. James. | W. H. Lauderd. |

TREASURER

REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, - -

COMMITTEE

To devise enlarged means for the supp

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| Rev. W. A. James. | G. A. Wheaton |

## CONSTITUTI

Article 1. This organization shall b
Orphans Aid Society."

Art. 2. It shall be the sole object of
care of, and disburse a fund for aiding th
ceased ministers of the gospel, or *indigent mi*
in either case have complied with the terms

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after their election by choosing from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called at any time and place, to transact any business which cannot be transacted by correspondence with each other; and they shall hold annual meetings to examine accounts, records, reports, etc., at some time during the session of the Annual Association of our churches, and previously to the report of their officers to the same.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties, in a sum equal, in the judgment of the Trustees, to the amount of funds to be entrusted to his care during his term of office.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the meeting of the Trustees, and to correspond, if thought necessary, with the parties applying for aid; of the Secretary, to keep the records of the society, to preserve on file, all its papers, to submit the same when desired, to the Trustees for examination, and to read before each Annual Association of our churches the records of the past year.

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, shall invest the funds of the society, and if loans are made to individuals, take ample security in unencumbered farming lands. He shall also make disbursements to beneficiaries, at the written order to the Trustees, signed by the President and Secretary, and present a written report annually to the General Association, in which a full account shall be given of all receipts, investments and disbursements for the time covered by such report.

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant aid only to persons described in Art. 2, and recommended to them by at least two ministers of the gospel or other reliable persons; and the appropriation shall not exceed the income for the year. The amount liable to be appropriated in any year shall be placed on deposit, and at the end of six months the proper appropriation shall be made to all applicants received during that time; and that which remains unappropriated shall be permanently invested; and so of the amount remaining after the appropriation of the next six months.

ART. 11. Any Evangelical minister of the gospel, with his family, shall be eligible to aid from the Society after commencing to pay in its treasury annually not less than one dollar, and pledging himself to increase its funds by securing, if possible, legacies and donations in real estate or money. The Treasurer shall keep the records of the names of all persons complying with this rule, and an opportunity for making this contribution shall be given at every annual meeting of our Association. Those not present at the meeting shall forward their contributions to the Treasurer within three months, or forfeit their membership unless excused by him for the neglect.

ART. 12. The General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, in case of the dissolution of this society, shall own and dispose of its funds, and shall have power to make any alterations in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; *Provided*, that such alterations shall have been proposed in writing and admitted for consideration by a majority vote.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, 1884.

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| October, 1883. | Bal. in bank per last report | | $134.88 |
| | **RECEIPTS.** | | |
| Oct. 18-20, 1883. | Collected at Association at Lake City, | $56.00 | |
| Oct. 26, 1883. | Collected at Communion at Lake City | 22.90 | |
| Nov. 1, 1883. | Interest on Francis Neal's mortgage | 40.00 | |
| Dec. 2, 1883. | Special offering at Crookston (for C. S.) | 15.00 | |
| May 6, 1884. | Interest on Francis Neal's mortgage | 40.00 | |
| Jan. 1, 1884. | Interest from Hennepin Co. Savings Bank | 3.35 | |
| July 1, 1884. | Interest from Hennepin Co. Savings Bank | 4.03 | |
| Nov. 1, 1884. | Interest from Hennepin Co. Savings Bank | 1.83 | |
| Nov. 1, 1884. | Interest from Hennepin Co. Savings Bank | .83 | |
| Feb. 20, 1883. | From A. A. Hurd | 1.00 | |
| | Total receipts | | 184.94 |
| | | | $319.82 |
| | **DISBURSEMENTS.** | | |
| Oct. 27, 1883. | Paid Mrs. L. W. B. | $50.00 | |
| Dec. 14, 1883. | Paid Mrs. C. S. | 40.00 | |
| Aug. 19, 1884. | Paid Mrs. L. W. B. | 25.00 | |
| | Total disbursements | | 115.00 |
| | Bal. deposited on interest in Hennepin Co. Bank | | $204.82 |
| | **ASSETS.** | | |
| | Francis Neal's mortgage | | $1,000.00 |
| | Balance in Hennepin Co. Bank | | 204.82 |
| | | | $1,204.82 |
| | Increase of Fund during the year | | $69.94 |

EDWIN SIDNEY WILLIAMS.

Examined and found correct.

W. J. DYER, Auditor.

# Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

*President*—1878–1885...Pres. J. W. Strong, D. D., Northfield.
*Treasurer*—1881–1885.....Rev. M. W. Montgomery.

### DIRECTORS.

Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.....Term expires in 1887.
Prof. Geo. Huntington.....Term expires in 1887.
Rev. I. L. Cory.....Term expires in 1886.
E. S. Jones.....Term expires in 1886.
Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.....Term expires in 1885.
Rev. Geo. A. Hood.....Term expires in 1885.
C. W. Hackett.....Term expires in 1885.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Anoka—Rev. J. L. Scudder, Minneapolis; Rev. E. S. Williams, Rev. E. H. Votaw.
Central—Rev. J. S. Jewell, Alexandria; Rev. J. H. Chandler.
Mankato—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Waseca; Rev. Wilbur Fisk. Rev. J. H. Nason.
Minnesota Valley—Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Hancock; Rev. A. Hadden, Rev. J. B. Fairbank.

# CONSTITU

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be call
sionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational
members of the American Home Missiona
State, shall be the society.

ART. 3. The object of this society sha
American Home Missionary Society, in di
weak congregations within the State in th
organizing churches wherever they are
munities destitute of preaching; and by do
tion within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of this society sha
Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or
ecutive Committee of three in each local
Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of offi
not otherwise provided for, shall be elected
three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee sha
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the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of Home Missions, shall also make written report to the society, at its annual meeting, of their action, specifying the condition of every church aided within their limits, and the general wants of their field.

ART. 7. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven persons, to be chosen for three years after the first election, and is to be divided into two classes of two each, and one class of three, so that the term of office of one shall expire each year. They shall choose one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, who shall also be the Recording Secretary of the Society; shall also hold a session in connection with every meeting of the General Association, and also upon the call of their chairman whenever any exigency may require; together with the chairman of the conference committees, shall nominate in case of vacancy, the superintendents to the parent society, which is to appoint and pay them; shall consider the apportionment of men and money, and methods of increasing the supply of both; shall make an annual report to the society, and in their general oversight shall make to the parent society such suggestions as they may deem wise. The Board shall also fill all vacancies that may occur, either in their own body or in the several executive committees.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds to the directors for an amount not exceeding $3,000, to be fixed by them; shall receive all money coming into the society. and shall remit the same every month to the parent society. He shall also make an annual report to the society, not only of money so transmitted, but of that which is acknowledged by the parent society as coming directly to the treasury from this State.

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in counsel and co-operation with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committees, and under the instruction of the parent society, shall give themselves the work of securing ministers for missionaries, transmitting and endorsing applications for aid, encouraging the beneficiary societies up to self-support, organizing churches, preaching the word in destitute communities and among the aided churches, and increasing the contributions to the State society.

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and annual reports of the missionaries to the parent society shall be made in duplicate, and one copy sent to the superintendent of their respective districts, for the information of officers of the society.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of all the members present; *provided*, the amendment shall have been proposed at the preceding annual meeting, or is recommended by the Board of Directors.

Society was called to order by th
Strong, D. D., at the Congregational
7, 1884, at 9:30 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. I

The Scribe, Business Committee
and Auditor, of the General Congreg
elected to serve in the same capacity f

The Business Committee reporte
which was adopted.

The report of M. W. Montgomery,
and referred to the Auditor.

Rev. Geo. A. Hood's report, as Act
accepted, and referred to the Committe

The resignation of Rev. E. M. Wi
accepted.

Nominating Committee's report for
as follows:—

For the term expiring, 1886, Rev. I

For the term expiring 1887, Rev.
Prof. Geo. Huntington.

And these officers were elected.

Committee on Resolutions reported

## ADDRESSES.

By Rev. H. C. Simmons, Superintendent North Dakota.

By Rev. Geo. Wiberg, Superintendent Swedish work.

By Rev. E. S. Williams, Superintendent Minneapolis City Missions.

By Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Superintendent work among Scandinavians.

By Rev. Geo. E. Albrecht, Superintendent work among Germans.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Williams.

Minutes accepted, and referred to Committee on Printing.

Adjourned until the next annual meeting of the society in 1885.

S. K. PERKINS, Scribe.

JAS. W. STRONG, President.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

[By Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Acting Superintendent, for eight months of the year.]

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Their names, in order of length of office, are: Rev. E. M. Williams and E. S. Jones; Rev. Dr. R. G. Hutchins, Rev. Geo. A. Hood and C. W. Hackett; Rev. Dr. M. McG. Dana and W. H. Laird, appointed to take the place of Rev. P. B. Fisk, who deprived the Board of his wide acquaintance in the State when he moved to Plano, Ill. It is no light matter for such men either to forsake their offices in the midst of a day's business, or to take their only rest day and go at their own charges to spend from two to four hours in keenest inspection and planning how the little money shall secure the best results in the large state. That docket the chairman holds is prepared by the Superintendent, who studies every point, fact, figure and possibility, till he has all at the end of his tongue, for the directors must have the business all clear and condensed—no referring to papers—there is short enough time for the business. Each director holds an abstract of your application so they may judge of both church and minister work. Their hearts are often sore with sympathy in the meeting, and troubled till they "take it to the Lord in prayer." Then there are aching heads when it is over. Pray for the directors!

he dares join a church and a minister to w

Night after night on the cars, meal trying to the health, preaching or talking over the prairies with a slow team. If in and cards to be written that day, and some cious minutes for a long talk, not knowing stant worry to do what must be done imm pathies in denying to pleading churches m not be found; cutting down applications; for months to secure the finangelist's salar too, depend on him for supply or advice. for little things which consume time and st for home life or study, or wise care of a n plan his campaigns, or incubate and elabor When he is so weary he cannot sleep. Wh Superintendent?

Ministers and churches, make it as easy such tireless workers as our last two Supe heavy. Write rather than visit, unless the it quicker so. Manage all your own affairs if Superintendent, whoever he may be.

This year has been harder than usual fo results. The overwork of Superintendent Sweden for the good of the kingdom, and hi cessity of taking for Acting Superintendent the old and takes a new church for rest, bu months, on agreement that he be not expect church and state for 8 months expecting ev

Yet the successor for Secretary Cobb and Secretary Montgomery does not appear. You see it a year of emergencies, of broken plans or no plans, of no visiting through the state to encourage the missionaries and arouse the churches. Add the financial distress of 1884, so that projects fail and experiments flicker and matters which were going swimmingly, go floundering, and the year has certainly been a hard one.

FINANGELIST.

Rev. F. N. Walcott has been much hindered by the hard times, exerting himself to succeed to such a degree that his health suffered. Yet his work is as important and satisfactory as ever, and the building record a large one.

SWEDE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Rev. Geo. Wiberg has been faithfully at work in many parts of the State, but the details belong to the Swede department.

MISSIONARIES.

*Number.*—Beside the above mentioned there have been at work all, or a part of the past year, 73 missionaries, 15 of whom were theological students. 46 men are now at work.

*Left.*—The Acting Superintendent ceases with this report. R. H. Battey, on account of his wife's health, left Wayzata mourning, and went to Mapleton and Sterling, whence, after three months he yielded to frequent and determined calls to Plankinton, Dakota. Such men are wanted badly. E. Cash, regretted and regretful, went to California at command of his physician, after grand success at Mapleton and Sterling. O. P. Champlin, one of the longest tried and proved in the State, Clearwater has lost and Iowa has gained. W. H. Davenport ceased work at East Brainerd. A. A. Hurd went to Wisconsin, and Monticello laments. W. A. James took Ortonville only for the summer. W. A. Lyman went to Spring Valley, a self-supporting church. C. W. Matthews gave up the church at Edgerton. L. H. Moses took the self-supporting church at Cottage Grove. E. E. Rogers left Morristown and Waterville to be our State Evangelist. E. N. Ruddock left Appleton and assists his brother at Hancock, who was laid up with a broken leg. O. O. Rundell escapes Little Falls under a cloud, his family broken up. G. W. Sargent left Granite Falls for Clearwater, out of our missionary circle. Thirteen names off our list.

*Changed Fields.*—R. H. Battey, from Wayzata to Mapleton and Sterling; C. W. Bird, from Medford to Perham; H. A. Bushnell, Witoka to Mankato; C. A. Conant, St. Paul, Pacific to Wayzata; J. B. Fairbank, Marshall to Ortonville; A. Hadden, Ortonville to Minneapolis, Lyndale Church; D. Henderson, Sauk Rapids to Worthington; W. J. Parmalee, Dassel to High Forest and Stewartville; C. P. Watson, Tracy to Sleepy Eye. Nine changes.

them. Ardent, devoted, determined, as or
They worked 27 churches, 15 stations a
Their work was good to behold. From Y
was at Rose Creek, Dexter and Case's S. H
field at Stephen, Argyle and Tamarac S. ]
board, gave him a purse and promised to b
if he would stay. Henry Fairbank at Tyl
father a foreign missionary, his uncle
are sure his work was a success. E. Lyma
Lakeland and Afton, and reports 300 visits
during the cyclone, but that didn't stir hin
E. O. McFarland had Ashby, Dalton and
well up, and expected at first to organize a
best. C. H. Patton galloped a good pony
issipi and the Red River of the North to P
ter, Carson and interlying schoolhouses, a
least five stations. He organized a church
minister and a good editor on its list; deliv
tion, and left them enthusiastic. F. L. Ste
last resort to Princeton, which had had no s
ing, to determine whether the field must
and played baseball on Paul's plan, took
Hill, and left a large determined field prom
F. W. Tuckerman took High Forest and S
ousing them into good readiness for a pa
Belgrade.

From Hartford Seminary:—W. A. Bart
son, Rosewood and Havelock, made 133 pas
organized three Sunday Schools and remin-

meeting to 50 regular, many farmers, by good preaching and 112 pastoral visits. Arthur Smith, from Andover Seminary, worked Eden and Morgan satisfactorily.

From Wabash College:—Empson Cory was called to Villard and Glenwood. He put a new heart into the Villard church, which was disgusted, and nearly scattered by a minister whom they secured—not through the superintendent. Moral: Be careful of ministers not secured by the H. M. Superintendent. Now they are building a good church, inspired by $1,000 from Wm. Adams. Mr. Cory also made Glenwood ready for a promising re-organization. Wm. C. Wallar, from Wabash, had Osakis and West Union, and did a good work.

Two churches *called* the students—two fields paid the whole salary and board; two church buildings begun or finished; only one church organized, for we are wary of hastily-born churches. Six students report 776 pastoral visits, and their work is proved acceptable to the churches, and profitable.

CHURCHES.

*Self-Support.*—This is the honorable and distinguished step for a church. Clearwater and Monticello are the ones who no longer hang to the breast of the A. H. M. S. Fergus Falls, having a sudden and large increase in expenses, asks the mother for a little help over a tight place.

*Organized.*—North Branch, Oct., 1883, 7 members, under T. R. Quayle. Minneapolis Open Door, Jan. 29, 11 members; R. A. Torrey. E. Brainerd, March 11, 16 members; E. C. Evans. Wiscoy, April 2, 11 members; by their own zeal. Big Lake (Union), June 15, 12 members; A. A. Hurd. Minneapolis Lyndale, July 16, 31 members; A. Hadden. Lake Emily, Aug. 12, 16 members; C. A. Ruddock. Park Rapids, Aug. 24, 17 members; C. H. Patton. One more, under Rev. H. F. Tyler, not a home missionary—Minneapolis Mayflower, March 14, 21 members, completes the list of 9 organized, with an average of 15 7-9 members.

*Houses of Worship.*—A grand record here. In 17 places are churches begun or finished. In Perham, costing $1,400; Pelican Rapids, finished, $2,200; Lyndale, Minneapolis, $1,200; Aitkin—a union church—$3500; New Richland, $1,000; Montevideo, about $1,500; Park—St. Paul, $12,000; Crookston, $5,500; Hutchinson, $2,200; North Branch, $900; Stillwater, $4,000; Lake Emily, $1,000; Lake View, $1,000; Villard, $2,000; Atlantic—St. Paul, completed, and Wiscoy. Over $55,000 in new churches, and still the missionaries say they must have 13 more at once; and those needed, but not mentioned, would raise it to at least 25. Sixteen other churches have been improved, at a total cost of $1,420.

*Parsonages secured:*—Only four. Crookston cost $1,500; Lake Benton, $1,250; Hancock, $1,000; Paynesville, $600; total, $4,350. Twenty-five say they need parsonages, and about 15 more need them, but don't say so. Two have extensively repaired their parsonages: Mapleton,

by letter. The missionaries preached
prayer meetings, 213 funerals and tied 1
untied. These churches report $3,209.7
is much more unreported. Their exp
Some are in debt $14,897, and some have
Surely we ought to praise God for such

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The western farmer is as particular
good preaching, and is as worthy of it.
under one good minister, with salary eno
at home, the right books, and other ne
the Kingdom in the country, for here ar
successful ones of the next age. It is bet
churches to have the example and care
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the youth to a vigorous christianity and a
whom they can afford to pay for the who
vince the ministers and show the churche
saved, more money given, and in the n
consecrated business men and ministers a
"all shall know Him" sooner. A few of
showing how this is done.

Rev. J. H. Nason, who has the largest
churches and 5 stations, with Fairmont as
more. In his two years Fairmont church
The field takes 50 pilgrims, and 200 Mor

building, which they would have had this fall but for hard times. Bro. P. says he needs 5 churches and 2 parsonages on his field. Think of 10 years' work like that!

' Rev. C. A. Ruddock has another circuit. He broke his leg over a year ago—it was bandaged for six months, and is far from well now, yet he cares for 3 churches and 2 stations, with Hancock as headquarters. Lake Emily has just organized, built and paid for a church, doubled the amount raised for salary. Benson spent $180 on bell and furniture and had revival interest with 10 conversions and 12 additions.

Remember that these are the very weak fields that could have done nothing without the circuit system, and such success in a year or two ought to be enough for the ambition of any man. Minnesota is remarkable for the number of posts her missionaries occupy. The 61 men at work last summer preached at 103 churches and 60 stations, an average of almost two churches and one station per man.

FINANCIAL.

Last year we unavoidably overdrew our apportionment from New York, and found the overdraft was just the amount used in new work. The Executive Committee of A. H. M. S. have informed us that hereafter when we use up our allowance their remittances to us must cease! Two things, therefore, are irresistable: 1.—For the Board of Directors to strictly apply the published rule of the Society and grant a less sum every year to every aided church unless for a clear and special reason. They are doing it. 2.—To avoid giving up the new work we must add the overdraft to the amount raised last year in the State and raise this year $11,000. The Board appointed a committee to plan for this, which apportioned the amount among the conferences as follows:—Anoka, $5,670; Central, $420; Mankato. $750; Minnesota Valley, $190; Northern Pacific, $700; Owatonna, $1,830; Western, $270; Winona, $1,840.

The Acting Superintendent explained the plan to the conferences, they voted to raise the amount, one or two with enthusiasm, and two voted to raise more than the amount asked. The conference committees I believe have faithfully done their work; it rests now with the churches, and may the Holy Spirit inspire them for it, or save our work if they do not do it. It is a noble sum, but Minnesota is able, and has many encouragements in raising it. We have none of the calamities of other states; the crops are abundant, if cheap; the Minnesota W. H. M. S. comes proudly and successfully up to aid. Nineteen of the missionaries say more salary could be raised, and such increase will help out; so, though there are many calls, *let all our churches work in this Minnesota Emergency Fund* somehow, and "rise to meet the thickening necessities of the hour."

EVANGELIST.

It has been a plan of Superintendent Montgomery to have an Evangelist for our aided churches. Many self-supporting states have such a

The terms of his work are to be arra
The church receiving his aid is expected
for the time he uses on their account, and
revived church. If his time should not b
a self-supporting church may secure him
port. We expect to see weaker churches
missionary aid, money coming to self-su
ising new places we now refuse, and the
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CONCLUSION

Brethren and sisters, our state is gro
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of the earth are pouring in upon us." E
danger from these erring masses. "Save
a motto of the A. H. M. S. We are respo
be a salvation army. As Spurgeon says,
but everything he done to save the masse

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Cash on hand from last year, | $2,209 05 | |
| Remitted same to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer American Home Missionary Society | ——— | $2,209 05 |
| Receipts of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society from Oct. 18, 1883, to Nov. 6, 1884, inclusive, | $5,607 84 | |
| Receipts of the American Home Missionary Society from Minnesota which did not pass through the Minnesota Home Missionary Society for the year ending Oct. 31, 1884 | 1,489 16 | |
| Total receipts of the American Home Missionary Society, from Minnesota, for the year | ——— | $7,097 00 |
| Remitted to Rev. A. H. Clapp, Treasurer American Home Missionary Society | | $7,097 00 |

The total resident member hip of the Congregational churches of Minnesota in 1884 is 7,097; it will thus be seen that *the contributions to the American home Missionary Society, from Minnesota, for the past year* ($7,097.00) *has been exactly $1.00 per resident member.* The highest previous contribution was 48¼c. per resident member in 1883.

M. W. MONTGOMERY,
Treasurer Minnesota Home Missionary Society.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 11, 1884.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct, with vouchers for disbursements as stated.

HENRY PLANT,
Auditor

OFFICERS:

*President:*—Mrs. E. S. Williams
South, Minneapolis.

*Vice President:*—Mrs. J. A. Prent

*Second Vice President:*—Mrs. E. H

*Secretary:*—Mrs. M. L. Saunders,
Paul.

*Treasurer:*—Mrs. J. N. Cross, 260
neapolis.

*Corresponding Secretary:*—Mrs. H.
Avenue South, Minneapolis.

DIRECTORS:

Anoka Conference—Mrs. C. W. Ha
Central Conference—Mrs. S. Whit
Mankato Conference—Mrs. L. W.

# CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This society shall be called the "MINNESOTA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

SEC. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and its object shall be to aid Minnesota Home Missions.

SEC. 3. Any woman or child may become a member of the society by contributing annually to its treasury.

SEC. 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective positions, and the Treasurer shall also receive contributions for the American Congregational Union, the American Missionary Association, and the New West Education Commission, and funds received and designated for either of these societies shall be remitted to such society by the Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The officers named in Section 4, with three directors to be chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Directors, to whom shall be committed all the business of the society not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors shall secure the appointment of solicitors in the different churches, whose duty it shall be to solicit contributions, increase the membership, and promote the interest of the society.

SEC. 8. The annual meeting of the society shall be held during the week of, and in connection with the Minnesota Home Missionary Society, and representatives from the co-operative societies named in the last clause of Section two (2) shall have an opportunity to be heard in behalf of those societies.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society, provided that Sections 2 and 3 be not materially changed, and the said 2nd and 3d sections may be amended, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

SEC. 10. The society may establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at any regular meeting.

# MINUTES.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the Congregational church of St. Cloud, Thursday afternoon, November 6, 1884.

After prayer by Rev. M. W. Montgomery, and singing by Mrs. S. V. S. Fisher, the report of the year was read by the President, Mrs. E. S. Williams.

Work of the A. M. A., was next intr

Mrs. Lydia M. Bailey, of Chicag
ing on the work of the New West E

Secretary W. M. Barrows, D. D
President, and made an address.

Announcement made of business
A. M., at the Presbyterian church.

FRIDAY—8:30

After singing, prayer was offered
apolis.

Reports of Secretary and Treasur
of last meeting.

Interesting reports from various c
ty-two new auxiliaries reported forme

The amendment to the constitut
given last year, discussed, and finally l
year.

Amendments to Section 5 and 8
Section 5 amended by adding the foll
"Treasurer shall receive contributions
"gregational Union, the American M

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and accepted, and the officers elected as recorded above.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer by Mrs. Hart, of Cottage Grove, the society adjourned.

MRS. M. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

AFTON, $3; AITKEN, $4, E. F. 3.56; total, $7.56. AUDUBON S. S. for E. F., $2; AUSTIN, $50; ADA S. S. for E. F., $2.50; ANOKA S. S. for E. F., $6; ALEXANDRIA $13, S. S. for E. F. $6, total $19; BENSON S. S., $3.47; BRAINERD S. S. for N. W., $13; BROWNTON $6, for E. F. $5, for N. W. $2.65, total $13.65; COTTAGE GROVE $15.25, S. S. for E. F. $3.40, total $18.65; CLEARWATER $10, Young Gleaners $2.50, total $12.50; CLAREMONT, $12.15; CROOKSTON S. S., for E. F., $1.30; DASSEL, for E. F., $6, for Mormons, $5, total $11; DULUTH, $7.31, S. S., $7.69, total $15; EAST PRAIRIE, for E. F., $1.40; EXCELSIOR, $10.06; ELK RIVER, $8.15, for E. F., $3.70, S. S. for E. F. $6.40, total $18.25; FREEBORN, Useful Workers, $12; FAIRMONT S. S., for E. F., $5; FARIBAULT, $81, S. S. for N. W., $30.10, total $111.10; FARGO, for N. W. $1.50; GLYNDON, $73.69, S. S. for E. F., $7.57, for N. W., 50c., S. S. $1.25, total $83.01; GROVELAND S. S., $5; GLENCOE, $9.31, S. S. for E. F., $6.50, total $15.81; HUTCHINSON, $9, S. S. for E. F., 6.00 total, 15.00; HAMILTON, 14,00, S. S. 80c, total, 14.80; HANCOCK, young people, 5.00, S. S. for E. F., 5.50, total, 10.50; JANESVILLE, 15, S. S. for E. F., 4.07, total, 19.07; LAKELAND, 13.00; LAKE CITY, 112.87, S. S., 3.02, S. S for E. F., 9.00, total, 124.89; MINNEAPOLIS—FIRST, 90.00; SECOND, 87.95, for E. F., 16.56, S. S. for E. F., 4.75, total, 109.26; COMO AVENUE, young ladies, 3.00; MAYFLOWER, 5.39, OPEN DOOR, S. S., 2.00; PLYMOUTH, 475.74, S. S. for E. F., 53.70, young people, 25.00, Cheerful Givers, 10.00, total, 564.44; VINE, 6.00, Minnehaha S. S. for E. F., 5.00; MONTICELLO, 20.00, for E. F., 1. 20, total 21.20; MAZEPPA S. S. for E. F., 1.50; MEDFORD, .68; MARSHALL, 12.50; MORRIS for E. F., 1.50; MANKATO, 29.71; MONTEVIDEO S. S. for E. F., 3.39; MANTORVILLE, 7.50; NORTHFIELD, 100., S. S. for E. F., 10.35, total, 110.35; OWATONNA, 59.61, S. S. for E. F., 6.40, total, 66.01; ORTONVILLE S. S. for E. F., 5.33; PLAINVIEW, 8.50, S. S. for E. F., 1.10, total, 9.60; RUSHFORD, 5.00: ROCHESTER, 39.00; ST. PAUL—PLYMOUTH, 382.62, for N. W., 17.45, S. S. for E. F., 33 05, total, 433.12; ATLANTIC, 10.00; PACIFIC, 5.00; Stillwater S. S. for E. F., 6.00; South Bend, 8; Sauk Center, 28.50, S. S. for E. F., 5.50, total, 34; ST. CLOUD, 20; Tyler, 5.75; Wadena S. S. for E. F., 4.75; WAYZATA, 6; WASECA, 52.43; WINONA, 75; WABASHA, 12.10; WATERVILLE, 5.00; ZUMBROTA, 7.60. Mrs. Frances Tenney, Oberlin, O., 5.00; Rev. E. S. Williams, 35, for New Ulm, 10, total 45; Jno. and Florence Tucker, 2; anonymous, 1.00 for N. W; Marion Shaw, Austin, 1.00; C. Alexander and wife, 1.00; C. E. Alexander and wife, for E. F., .75. Total, $2,543.23.

# WOMAN'S BOARD

## OF THE IN

OFFICERS

*President:*—Miss Margaret J. Ev

*Vice-President:*—Mrs. Edmund G

*Secretary:*—Mrs. Henry Plant, Minneapolis.

*Treasurer:*—Mrs. E. M. Williams

*Auditor:*—Mrs. J. L. Noyes, Farib

CONFERENCE COMI

ANOKA.—Mrs. W. A. James, V.-P. dore Furber, Mrs. Luther Wheeler.

CENTRAL.—Mrs. Jas. A. Norris, Geo. H. Whiting, Mrs. A. J. Pike

OWATONNA.—Mrs. Edmund Gale, V.-P., Faribault; Mrs. I. W. Burch, Mrs. A. Knox.

WESTERN.—Mrs. Albert Warren, V.-P., Lake Benton; Mrs. C. L. Webber, Miss Emily Robinson.

WINONA.—Mrs. Thomas Wilson, V.-P., Winona; Mrs. W. L. Lincoln, Mrs. H. O. Durkee.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be known as the MINNESOTA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR. Its object shall be to engage the earnest and sympathetic co-operation of Christian women in the formation and support of auxiliaries, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit in all our churches.

ART. 2. The annual meeting of this society shall be held at the same time and place as the General Association of Congregational Churches of the State, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. All ladies who are members of any auxiliary society in the State, or life members of the W. B. M. I., are members of the State society. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to two delegates at the annual meeting; if numbering over fifty. to three, and one for each additional fifty. Only delegates shall be entitled to vote.

ART. 4. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, and a Vice President for each local conference. The first four named officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business the society may refer to them.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch; to preside at all its meetings, and, with the aid of the Secretary, to make suitable arrangements for the annual meeting. In the absence of the President, these duties shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to aid the auxiliaries, by correspondence and personal efforts; to aid the President in making arrangements for the annual meeting; to present an annual report, and inform any officer not present at the meeting of her appointment for the coming year.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received by her from the auxiliaries; to forward the same to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. I., and to make an annual report to the society; which shall be accompanied by the Auditor's certificate.

ART. 8. With the Vice President of each local conference shall be associated two other ladies, thus constituting a Conference Committee o

ART. 9. The Officers for the ensuin
annual meeting.

ART. 10. Special meetings of the Br
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ART. 11. This constitution may be a
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## MINUTI

The Seventh Annual Meeting of
the W. B. M. I. was held at St. Clo
7, 1884. The Association gave an
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when I read that sweet story," etc.
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III—Women's.

Bertie Evans, one of the little gi
"The Children's Missionary Work.
"When His Salvation Bringing."

Mrs. Greene, of Constantinople, l

them of Jesus. She closed with a plea to young women to consecrate themselves, study medicine, and go to India, where she longed to be, but health forbade. (She is now practicing at Detroit, Minn.)

Miss Evans stated that 21 societies had been formed during the year, giving the branch 80 in all; 51 auxiliaries; 13 junior; and 16 juvenile societies.

As there was not time for a full report of WOMEN'S WORK, she would state that they support Misses Barrows and Brown, in Japan; Miss Cathcart, in Micronesia; and help in the support of the Hadjin Home.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Williams, read by Mrs. Fisher, showed the amount of contributions for the year to be $4,102.38.

After singing, the women adjourned to the Presbyterian Church.

The adjourned meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Mesdames Votaw, Secombe and Snell. Singing.

In accordance with a motion, the chair appointed Mesdames Noyes, Chaney and Harmon a Committee on Nominations. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A paper by Mrs. Millard, of Glyndon, opened the discussion: "Auxiliaries; how to form them, how to carry them on, how to raise the money." In which Mrs. Hart, Mrs. E. S. Willliams, a lady from Medford, Miss Evans, Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Secombe and Miss M. J. Wingate took part.

The home report was then read by the Secretary, Mrs. Henry Plant; Miss Evans and Mrs. Pasco added explanations.

The Nominating Committee presented their report, which was accepted, and the officers elected as noted above.

A vote of thanks to the Presbyterians for the use of their church was passed.

After a prayer by Miss Evans, the meeting adjourned.

MRS. HENRY PLANT,
Secretary.

12.55; DULUTH, of which 25 to const. L. EXCELSIOR, of which 4.63 for Miss Barrow Star, 8.75, total 18.48; FAIRMONT, for ne BAULT, Aux., for scholarships at Harpoot, general fund, 10, Helping Hands for ol Murdock at Kalgan, 15, total 125.59; FREI Star, 1.50; Freedom, U. S. S., for same, 10 Cathcart, 65.25, Red River Valley Gleaner 45, S. S. for new Morning Star, 12.75, old tional Church, for new Star, 3.86, Y. L., for GRANITE FALLS, Mrs. Sargent. 5, for n GROVELAND, Aux., 2, S. S. for new Morning TON, Aux., for Miss Brown, 17.40, Little He HANCOCK, Aux., 5.50 Y. P. Society, for the Society, for new Star, $6, total 16.50; L 20.94; LAKELAND, 6; LITCHFIELD, Pres. S.S other friends for the same, 2.75, Mrs. and LYLE, S. S., for new Morning Star, 45c.; M Aux, 16.70, Willing Helpers, 10, total 26. offering, 5.10, S. S. for Morning Star expe Star, 6.75, Miss Jackson, for the Bridge, 1, for Miss Cathcart, 17.75, Busy Bees, for ne 24.50; MEDFORD, 12.01; MINNEAPOLIS—FIR 190, Y. L, Society for the Bridge, 50, Earne M. Star, 50, total, 315; MINNEAPOLIS—MAYF 8; MINNEAPOLIS—PILGRIM, Aux., of which Gleaners for general fund, 1.78, old Morni Star, 2.50, Reapers, for same, 8, Busy Bees

Morning Star, 7.75, total 17.10; MINNEAPOLIS, Miss Newcomb, birthday gift, 2, Mrs. H. L. Chase, for Miss Barrows' health tour, 30, Mrs. LeDuc, for Missionary School Building at Kalgan, 20, friends for new Star, 50c., S. C. D., 5, a friend, 5, total from Minneapolis, 1,436.41; MONTICELLO, S. S., for old Morning Star, 5, for new Morning Star, 5.75, total 10.75; MORRISTOWN and WATERVILLE, 12, U. S. S., for new Morning Star, 3; NORTHFIELD, Aux., for Miss Brown, 352.76, special collection, 20.22, Carleton College Aux., for Miss Brown, 147.95, for the Bridge, 26.31, S. S., for Miss Brown, 59.63, for new Morning Star, 100, a friend, 50, total 756.87; ORTONVILLE, S. S., for new Morning Star, 5, OWATONNA, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, 35, for new Morning Star, 16.25, Merry Hearts, 1, total 52.25; PLAINVIEW, Busy Bees, for new Morning Star, 8.75; ROCHESTER, Aux., 30, Y. L. Society, for the Bridge, 20: Mrs. M. W. Porter, 10, total 60; RUSHFORD, Aux., 5, S. S., for new Morning Star, 13, total 18; ST. CHARLES, Aux., for Miss Brown, 25.93, for new Morning Star, 17.50, Howe family, for same, 1, total 44.43; ST. CLOUD, Aux., 20, S. S. for new Morning Star, 23.90, total 43.90; ST. PAUL—ATLANTIC, Aux., 50, Y. L. Society for the Bridge, 50: ST. PAUL—PARK, Aux., 42, Y. P. A. for the bridge, 25, total 67; ST. PAUL,—PLYMOUTH, Aux., for Miss Barrows, 165.35, S. S. for new Morning Star, 32.10, Mrs. L. H. Price, 5, total, 202.45; total from St. Paul, 319.95; SAUK CENTRE, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, 39.50, S. S. for new Morning Star, 12, total 51.50; SHERBURNE, 2; SPRING VALLEY, 10; STILLWATER, Grace S. S., for new Morning Star, 6; VILLARD, Aux., 1.50, S. S. for new Morning Star, 1.50, total 3; WABASHA, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, 22.56, Missionary Band, for same, 5, S. S. for new Morning Star, 12, total 39.56; WALNUT GROVE, 11; WASECA, for Miss Cathcart, 40.92; WATERVILLE, Mrs. A. Merrill, 5; WAYZATA, S. S. for new Morning Star; 3.70; WESTFORD, for same, 3.50; WINONA, Aux., for Miss Brown, 80.50, general fund of which 25 to count L. M., Mrs. Thomas Wilson, 106.60, Gleaners, for new Morning Star, 8.25, S. S. for same, 39.25, total 234.60; WITOKA, of which 2 for Miss Cathcart, 4.60; ZUMBROTA, 13.50; total 4,102.38.

MRS. E. M. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

# CARLETON C

PRESIDENT STRONG'S A

Each year's review reveals new p
rests upon Carleton College. This
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College. Piety has not been esteeme
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and reciting on a week day morning

subject matter of the Old Testament, a large number of lectures have been given upon subjects suggested by the text. The students themselves have asked for extra lectures upon points arising in the course of the study. I see no reason why the Bible should not become as aggressive a text-book as Homer's Iliad or Huxley's Biology." The chief incident of the year has been the evident turning of the minds of the students to the personal study of God's word, as furnishing them with the means whereby they may carry on, with greater efficiency, their work of personally seeking to lead their fellow students to Christ."

It is not singular, but perfectly natural, that every term should witness the hopeful conversion of several of those brought into such an atmosphere. Last year there were about thirty such conversions, and this new term similar results are appearing. During the last Academic year the students numbered, in all the departments, 360. These represented eight religious denominations, nine nationalities, and ten states and territories. So excellent was their deportment that we had little occasion for unpleasant discipline. The benefits arising from gathering all the young ladies in one home, as is done in the New Hall, have been very manifest. That building, however, is not sufficient, and means are needed to enlarge, in some way, our accommodations. If this enlargement cannot be secured, applicants must be rejected.

As was expected, the attendance this term does not equal that of last fall term, owing to a change in our requisites for admission. No student is now received to any department (except that of music) who is under fifteen, and all are examined in arithmetic and English grammar, which branches we no longer teach. This change has secured a manifest gain in the maturity, character and scholarship of our earliest classes. We shall be pleased when a further advance in this direction can be wisely made.

In this general report, details as to our work, our needs, or our enlargements, cannot be given, but in certain scientific

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II. STATE WEATHER SERVICE.—
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study of magnetic force, most useful to science. (2) To take full observations of magnetic and electrical displays, with instruments that give continuous records of horizontal magnetic forces at a given point. (3) To learn, if possible, by means of a continuous series of photographs of the sun, on a scale large enough to show the activity of its surface, and the sun spots, the relation of solar activity and magnetic force to terrestrial storms, tornadoes and cyclones. This is a work never yet done accurately in any part of the world. It is undertaken solely for the advancement of science, and the public good, and it affords another evidence of the general value of our college to the whole land. The prosecution of this work, in all its details, will be under the direction of Prof. Payne, who is in frequent telegraphic communication with the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, and who is recognized as an efficient ally in advanced astronomical and scientific investigations.

The *financial necessities* of a young institution dependent upon the gifts of the benevolent, are those which cause the principal anxieties. Our college proves no exception to this rule. For reasons fully stated in last year's report, and involving no fault in management, our current expenses have, for three years, exceeded our income. Our growth has necessitated larger expenditures, while diminishing rates of interest have lessened our income. We do not complain, but rather we rejoice over the enlarging sphere, and increasing usefulness of Carleton. The very causes of our pecuniary straitness must commend our appeal to all friends of Christian education. As Dr. Dana has recently written, "Those who have the means wherewith to endow collegiate institutions can find no greater incentive so to do, than the fact that the candidate for their assistance is doing a good work, and has constantly expanding opportunities of educational service. This is pre-eminently true of Carleton. Not a new building has been erected thus far, not a single additional teacher procured, before each had become indispensably necessary. The college has not anticipated sure

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asks for three things:—

1st. Your continued and earnest pr
ual favor may rest upon Carleton Colle

systematic, even if not large donations? Can you not turn the thoughts of some who are unable to give largely now towards bequests to the college? Each one of you can do something—perhaps much—toward putting our college upon a safe and permanent basis. Without generous financial aid, it is certain that Carleton cannot maintain that confessed leadership in the domain of Christian education which she has held in our state, during these last eventful years; but with it, she will go steadily forward with constantly increasing power and usefulness. Surely the duty of the present is perfectly clear.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. STRONG,

Pres. Carleton College.

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## NARRATIVE OF THE SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES.

*From the 35 self-supporting churches the following reports are made by 28:—*

ALEXANDRIA—Still meeting all obligations and contributing to all the benevolent objects of the denomination. Congregations growing. Sunday school 25 per cent stronger than last year in both members and gifts. An out-station—Union Lake—is sustained. The parsonage and church property has been improved.

AUSTIN—17 have been received, 14 on profession; and 17 have been dismissed.

CLEARWATER—New pastor received, Rev. Geo. Sargent. Young people's meeting and Sunday school well sustained. A society of Christian endeavor is prospering. The women's missionary societies have flourished.

is good.

EXCELSIOR.—A fine revival amo
ditions, 11 by profession: prayer n
the Christian Academy is doing goo
been converted.

ELK RIVER—UNION.—United an
ary objects have aroused much intere
and the New West Education Comr

FARIBAULT.—A pipe organ added
school is growing constantly; likewi
tions. Five members of one Sund
received on profession of faith; bei
increased.

GLYNDON—UNION CHURCH.—55
congregations average 65; new chur
built, and is free from debt. The be
exceptionally large. Two commend
church are: zeal and interest in n
Christian nurture of the young. Re

HAMILTON.—After eight months'
first pastor that Carleton College ha
taken up the work. Parsonage and
Cobb has given his [illegible]

$3,000. The church helps support Rev. R. A. Torrey, of the Open Door Church. A choral society of 200 members is helping the music. A Sunday evening lecture course has been largely attended by many university students. The work is thoroughly organized and enthusiastic.

MINNEAPOLIS—SECOND.—The new pastor, Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., began work Nov. 1st, '83; and was installed Dec. 4. Audiences and congregations constantly increasing; eight were received on profession and ten by letter after a special series of meetings last spring, membership now is 219. A Kindergarten has been sustained at an expense of $400, taught by Miss Bridgeman. Beneficence $702.24. Temperance work has been carried on; they are arranging for a change of location to Park and Franklin Avenues; the women out-number the men three to one, and hence they outdo them in work and benevolences.

PILGRIM.—The pulpit has been supplied by Rev. M. A. Stevens. The new pastor, Rev. C. W. Merrill, entered on his work November 1st. A new church on a new site is now in process of erection. It will be ready for use January 1st, and will seat 500. Sunday school will average 160.

NORTHFIELD.—Owing to many student members constantly changing, the church has a large absent list. The new organ is a great help to the service; benevolence steadily increasing; their relations to the college are very happy and helpful; the pastor is in improved health, and full of courage.

OWATONNA.—Sends report of a season of revival meetings last winter, in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. E. E. Rogers. The result was a very precious quickening, and a number of conversions. No communion season has passed without additions to the church. The prayer meeting and the Young People's Christian Band are well sustained, and the Sabbath school is flourishing.

PLAINVIEW.—A year of quiet prosperity; finances in good condition; the lecture room carpeted and refurnished, and three new pulpit chairs purchased by the ladies; a Plainview room

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ROCHESTER.—In the late autum
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of spiritual life, has been establishe

ST. CHARLES.—Rev. D. H. Bic
October, 1883. He found the chur
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School, and joined the churches where they reside. A society has been formed among the young people called The Society of the Red Cross. It has done much good. The expenses of the church met by the weekly offerings. The plan was introduced January 1st, and has worked admirably. The attendance at the prayer meeting nearly doubled, and an increase at all the services. A more liturgical form of worship has been established at the morning service. The evening Sunday services were greatly helped in the months of April and May by a course of lectures under the auspices of the Society of the Red Cross.

St. Paul—Plymouth.—A quiet religious interest lasting through the winter months. In the summer the house of worship was vacated for enlargement. By the courtesy of the Unitarians, worship was continued through July and August in their church just across the street. The largest summer congregations ever known in the history of Plymouth rewarded the pastor for "standing by the stuff" without vacation. September 21st the re-opened sanctuary welcomed back the exiled congregation, and it proved a "red letter day." The benevolences of the church have not lessened. The outlook for the future is full of promise.

Sauk Center.—Is reduced by removals, and hard pressed by the enemy. Good congregations and the cry for more of the Holy Spirit awaken the expectation of revival. $350 have been expended in extra Sunday school rooms.

Spring Valley.—Rev. W. A. Lyman began labor January 1st; services well attended. The young people's meeting has been interesting and well sustained, numbering sometimes as high as thirty-five, in good condition. The pastor is depressed by a lack of clearly-drawn convictions on temperance, sabbath-keeping, and personal self-restraint in popular amusements. Church expenses promptly met; missionary spirit low. They are praying for a genuine and thorough quickening this fall.

Winona.—Rev. J. H. Crum began work October 1st, and installed May 7th. Mostly as the fruit of continued meetings

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and of great interest.

WASECA.—On the 2nd and 3d of
ing was enjoyed, in which churches
participated with the churches of
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believers were quickened, fellowship
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with a bible and a bouquet.

The Sabbath School has averaged
last year. The foundation of a societ
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The Ladies' Aid Society has raised
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of the building, given a most elegant
auditorium, helped pay off the debt, et

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The Ladies' Missionary Society has
has largely increased its contributions.
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making an aggregate of 320. The total number of additions on profession in the state is 580.

Last year, only 11 of the self-supporting churches received additions on profession, aggregating 95. The balance in favor of this year is 225. The total additions to these churches last year was 439, this year it is 647, excess 208.

One of the most encouraging features of this year's narrative is the general increase in benevolent contributions, largely due to the multiplication and increased activity of women's missionary societies.

L. W. CHANEY, Cor. Sec.

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

## EXPLANATION.

The tables which follow comprise:—

1. The Church Statistics and Statistics of Beneficence and Home Expenditures on parallel pages; the churches being arranged alphabetically.

2. The Churches, arranged in Conferences, with Conference and Church items.

3. The Ministerial Record.

The Statistics are all for the yea ending *August 31, 1884*; except that the ministerial supply of the churches and the P. O. address of the ministers are corrected up to the time of printing

In the table of church statistics *installed* pastors are designated by the abbreviation "Ins." placed after the name. The year of ordination and the year of commencing labor *with the church now supplied* are given in the two columns following. The *date* of installation is not given, as it ordinarily corresponds very nearly with the time of commencing labor with the church, in no case being later than the ensuing year.

A star (*), in the table of church statistics, indicates "no report," and that the figures of last year are inserted.

In the table of beneficence and home expenditures a (*) indicates "no report," and that the items noted were gathered from other sources, and are, therefore, usually incomplete.

The P. O. address of the churches is the same as the name of the place where the church is located, unless specially noted.

# CHURCH STATISTICS

ear ending August 31, 1884, with ministerial supply corrected to time of

| | Organized. | | | MINISTERS. | | | Ch. Members. | | | | Added | | | | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Month. | Day. | Name. | Ordained. | Began with this church. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | |
| | 1882 | 9 | 10 | John A. Wells | 1852 | 1882 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | |
| | 1858 | 6 | 24 | | | | 2 | 9 | 11 | | | | | | |
| | 1883 | 8 | 1 | J. W. Hargrave....Ins. | 1878 | 1884 | 5 | 8 | 13 | | | | | | |
| | 1867 | 12 | 14 | J. Spencer Jewell | 1866 | 1883 | 23 | 45 | 68 | 8 | | | | 1 | |
| | 1855 | 5 | 6 | | | | 29 | 54 | 83 | 13 | 2 | | | 1 | |
| | 1879 | 10 | 16 | E. F. Wheeler | Lic. | 1884 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 3 | | | | 1 | |
| | 878 | 2 | 6 | | | | 5 | 13 | 18 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | | |
| | 1872 | 10 | 10 | E. H. Stickney | 1881 | 1881 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| | 1857 | 7 | 6 | C. E. Wright.....Ins. | 1871 | 1874 | 78 | 140 | 218 | 20 | 14 | 3 | 17 | 1 | |
| | 1873 | | | | | | 8 | 15 | 23 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| | 1876 | 10 | 19 | Chas. A. Ruddock | 1861 | 1881 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 12 | | |
| | 1890 | 12 | 13 | Edw. P. Crane | 1864 | 1883 | 8 | 11 | 19 | | | | | | |

# BENEFICENCE AND CHURCH EXPENSES.

REPORTED FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31st, 1884.

| CHURCHES. | A.B.C.F.M. | A.H.M.S. | A.M.A. | A.C.U. | COL. & ED. SOCIETY. | CONG. S.S. AND PUB. SOC. | NEW W. ED. COM. | OTHER BENEF. | S. S. BENEF. | TOTAL BENEF. | CHURCH EXPENSES. | GRAND TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ada | | 20 00 | | 5 00 | | | | | | 25 00 | 450 00 | 475 00 |
| Afton | | | | | | | | 12 00 | | 12 00 | 75 00 | 87 00 |
| Aitkin | 9 00 | 14 75 | | | | | | | 15 00 | 38 75 | 500 00 | 538 75 |
| Alexandria | 25 00 | 13 00 | 10 00 | | 8 27 | | 8 00 | 10 55 | 15 91 | 90 73 | 1 200 00 | 1 290 73 |
| Anoka | 12 00 | 12 00 | | | | | | 200 00 | 16 00 | 240 00 | 1 150 00 | 1 390 00 |
| Appleton | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arcola | | | | | | | | | | | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| Audubon | 3 09 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 3 65 | | | | | 6 50 | 26 24 | 202 05 | 228 29 |
| Austin | 158 53 | 134 43 | 52 77 | 21 12 | | | | | 92 00 | 458 85 | 1 802 68 | 2 256 53 |
| Belgrade | | 7 00 | | | | | | | | 7 00 | 135 00 | 142 00 |
| Benson | 4 64 | 13 50 | | 5 00 | | | | | 9 75 | 32 89 | 525 00 | 557 89 |
| Bluffton | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 50 00 | 52 00 |
| Brainerd—First | | | | | | | | 71 00 | 23 65 | 94 65 | 3 822 00 | 3 916 65 |
| Brainerd—Second | | | | | | | | | | | 560 00 | 560 00 |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | | | | 4 00 | 4 00 | 100 00 | 104 00 |
| Brownton | 14 00 | 30 69 | 3 98 | | | | | | 13 25 | 61 92 | 547 50 | 609 42 |
| Cannon City | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cannon Falls | 5 00 | 20 00 | | 10 00 | | | | | 10 00 | 45 00 | 650 38 | 695 38 |
| Carson and Delton | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chain Lake Center | 10 00 | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 15 00 | | 15 00 |
| Claremont | | 17 48 | | 4 00 | | | | | | 21 48 | 300 00 | 321 48 |
| Clearwater | 3 71 | 45 94 | 4 72 | | | | | | 3 35 | 57 92 | | 57 92 |
| Clifton | | 3 50 | | | | | | | | 3 50 | 25 00 | 28 50 |
| Cottage Grove | 4 36 | 4 36 | 4 36 | 4 36 | | | | 16 00 | 3 70 | 37 14 | 560 00 | 597 14 |
| Crookston | | 7 50 | | | | | | | 1 30 | 8 80 | 2 500 00 | 2 508 80 |
| Custer | | 20 00 | | 2 00 | | | | 5 00 | | 27 00 | 265 00 | 292 00 |
| Dassel | 6 95 | 58 52 | 2 61 | 3 06 | | | 5 99 | 12 00 | 11 00 | 98 13 | 450 00 | 548 13 |
| Detroit | 3 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | | 2 00 | | 1 00 | 6 50 | 27 50 | 330 00 | 357 50 |
| Dexter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dodge Center | 4 00 | 14 07 | | | | | | 6 20 | 4 00 | 28 27 | 450 00 | 478 27 |
| Douglass | 8 00 | | | | | | | | | 8 00 | 182 00 | 190 00 |
| Duluth—Pilgrim | | 117 10 | 19 40 | 9 00 | | | | 38 40 | 47 79 | 231 59 | 2 010 00 | 2 241 59 |

| | Organized. | | | Ministers. | | | Ch. Members. | | | | Added | | | R | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Year. | Month. | Day. | Name. | Ordained. | Began with this church. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | |
| ..... | 1881 | 5 | 8 | ..... | .... | .... | 11 | 9 | 20 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | |
| ..... | 1880 | 5 | 12 | ..... | .... | .... | 10 | 11 | 21 | 1 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | |
| ..... | 1875 | 2 | 7 | Wm. M. Jenkins .... | 1865 | 1878 | 27 | 55 | 82 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 8 | .... | |
| ..... | 1883 | 8 | 30 | ..... | .... | .... | 6 | 6 | 12 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | |
| ..... | 1881 | 6 | 16 | Samuel L. Bronson ... | 1861 | 1881 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| ..... | 1853 | 7 | 17 | Isaac L. Cory..... | 1879 | 1883 | 48 | 75 | 123 | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| ..... | 1856 | 7 | 8 | Edmund Gale..... | 1856 | 1881 | 74 | 153 | 227 | 60 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| ..... | 1868 | 5 | 23 | John H. Nason..... | 1862 | 1882 | 30 | 44 | 74 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 12 | .... | |
| ..... | 1872 | 3 | 3 | Jesse F. Taintor..... | 1878 | 1884 | 14 | 36 | 50 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 5 | .... | |
| ..... | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk.....Ins. | 1876 | 1875 | 20 | 23 | 43 | 10 | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| ..... | 1878 | 11 | 12 | ..... | .... | .... | 7 | 9 | 16 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| ..... | 1857 | 9 | 14 | D. M. Lewis.....Ins. | 1884 | 1883 | 13 | 28 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | .... | |
| ..... | 1872 | 9 | 16 | Edgar L. Morse..... | 1879 | 1883 | 20 | 32 | 52 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 10 | .... | |
| ..... | 1872 | 12 | 4 | Thomas E. Lewis..... | Lic. | 1884 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| o.)..... | 1876 | 4 | 3 | William Powell..... | 1863 | 1881 | 4 | 5 | 9 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | |
| ..... | 1882 | 11 | 28 | Charles A. Conant..... | 1864 | 1884 | 2 | 10 | 12 | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | |
| ..... | 1860 | 6 | 12 | Eugene F. Hunt..... | Lic. | 1884 | 30 | 42 | 72 | 11 | .... | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

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| Eden | | | | | | | | | | | 1 40 | 1 40 |
| Edgerton | 5 45 | 5 50 | | | | | | | | 10 95 | 85 00 | 95 95 |
| Elk River—Union | 10 00 | 13 95 | 9 72 | | | | | | 12 58 | 46 25 | 1 149 00 | 1 195 25 |
| Etna | | | | | | | | | | | 11 00 | 11 00 |
| Evansville—Union | | 9 57 | | | | | | | | 9 57 | 166 00 | 175 57 |
| Excelsior | 37 40 | 32 00 | 32 00 | 15 50 | 6 40 | 3 20 | 4 05 | 58 17 | 13 75 | 202 47 | 1 363 19 | 1 565 66 |
| Faribault | 127 20 | 139 44 | 90 98 | 17 48 | | | 17 31 | 39 64 | 30 00 | 462 00 | 3 500 00 | 3 962 00 |
| Fairmont | 15 00 | 30 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 | | | | | 5 00 | 65 00 | 660 00 | 725 00 |
| Fergus Falls | | | | | | | | 25 00 | | 25 00 | 885 24 | 910 24 |
| Freeborn | 2 00 | 20 40 | 2 03 | 1 00 | | | | 19 80 | 70 | 45 93 | 200 00 | 245 93 |
| Freedom | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Glencoe | | | 10 00 | 4 55 | | | | 82 32 | | 96 87 | 650 00 | 746 87 |
| Glyndon—Union | 72 17 | 52 58 | 17 12 | | | | 6 25 | 115 75 | 27 53 | 291 50 | 1 454 18 | 1 745 68 |
| Granite Falls | 18 00 | 19 20 | | 5 00 | 30 44 | | | | 5 00 | 77 64 | | 77 64 |
| Goshen | | 9 00 | | | | | | 23 00 | | 32 00 | 52 50 | 84 50 |
| Groveland | | 7 00 | | 1 50 | | | | | 3 40 | 11 90 | 225 00 | 236 90 |
| Hamilton | 21 40 | 17 40 | 3 40 | 5 00 | | | 3 40 | | 7 40 | 58 00 | 390 00 | 448 00 |
| Hancock | 4 94 | 26 61 | | 1 96 | | | | | | 33 51 | 277 72 | 311 23 |
| Hartland | | 11 45 | | | | | | 1 90 | | 13 35 | 600 00 | 613 35 |
| Hawley—Union | 16 25 | 20 00 | 8 00 | | | | | | 1 50 | 45 75 | 999 29 | 1 045 04 |
| High Forest | | | | | | | | | | | 100 00 | |
| Hutchinson | 6 11 | 26 65 | 5 05 | 2 79 | | | 7 05 | | 8 50 | 26 15 | 1 695 00 | 1 721 15 |
| Janesville | | 19 00 | | 5 00 | | | | | 4 00 | 28 00 | 425 00 | 453 00 |
| Lac Qui Parle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Benton | | 10 00 | | 6 00 | | | | | 1 25 | 17 25 | 350 00 | 367 17 |
| Lake City | 34 68 | 170 82 | | | | | | | 45 00 | 249 85 | 1 500 00 | 1 749 85 |
| Lakeland | 6 00 | 14 60 | | 10 75 | | | | | | 31 35 | 175 00 | 206 35 |
| Lake Park | | 4 80 | | | | | | | | 4 80 | 50 00 | 54 80 |
| Lake Stay | | 6 48 | | | | | | | | 6 48 | 26 50 | 32 98 |
| Lake View—Union | | 5 00 | | | | 1 00 | | | 3 00 | 9 00 | 300 00 | 309 00 |
| Lenora | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Falls | | 20 00 | | | | | | | | 20 00 | | 20 00 |
| Maine | | | | | | | | | | | 135 00 | 135 00 |
| Mankato | 15 90 | 70 21 | | | | | | | 5 00 | 91 11 | 974 87 | 1 065 48 |
| Mantorville | 39 20 | 25 54 | 17 80 | 16 20 | | | | 75 00 | 9 65 | 183 39 | 550 00 | 733 39 |
| Mapleton | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | |
| Marine | | | | | | | | | | | 60 00 | 60 00 |
| Marshall | 21 75 | 35 00 | 25 05 | 11 50 | | | 12 50 | | 35 25 | 141 05 | 1 104 00 | 1 245 05 |

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| ..... | 1880 | 5 | 19 | John Bradshaw ..... | 1851 | 1883 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 16 | 3 | ... | 3 | 1 | ... |
| icy p. o.) | 1875 | 6 | 6 | ..... | .... | .... | 3 | 7 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | .... | .. | 1 |
| ... .... | 1856 | 10 | 25 | Wm. L. Sutherland .. | 1880 | 1883 | 22 | 43 | 65 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 13 | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1851 | 11 | 16 | J. L. Scudder .... Ins. | 1877 | 1882 | 109 | 179 | 288 | 9 | 43 | 32 | 75 | .. | ... |
| .... .... | 1857 | 4 | 28 | Robt. G. Hutchins. Ins. | 1866 | 1882 | 328 | 459 | 787 | 30 | 37 | 79 | 116 | 2 | 2 |
| ..... | 1867 | 10 | 14 | Horace C. Hovey.. Ins. | 1858 | 1883 | 58 | 157 | 215 | 23 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 1 | 2 |
| ..... | 1873 | 9 | 29 | Chas. W. Merrill .... | 1873 | 1884 | 60 | 105 | 165 | 21 | 7 | 13 | 20 | .. | 1 |
| ..... | 1862 | 2 | 9 | S. V. S Fisher.... Ins. | 1874 | 1882 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 25 | 3 | 7 | 10 | .. | 1 |
| ..... | 1862 | 12 | 19 | Americus Fuller ..... | 1862 | 1882 | 12 | 21 | 33 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1884 | 2 | 1 | Geo. A. Hood ..... | 1869 | 1884 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 3 | .. | .. | .... | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1884 | 1 | 29 | Reuben A. Torrey. Ins. | 1878 | 1883 | 7 | 13 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 20 | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1883 | 3 | 14 | Henry F. Tyler.... Ins. | 1880 | 1883 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 23 | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1884 | 7 | 14 | Archibald Hadden Ins. | 1880 | 1884 | 14 | 17 | 31 | .... | 2 | 29 | 31 | .. | ... |
| ..... | 1872 | 2 | 7 | Robert P. Herrick .... | 1883 | 1883 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 11 | .. | 2 |
| ..... | 1856 | 3 | 8 | ..... | .... | .... | 19 | 41 | 6 | 7 | ... | 12 | 12 | .. | 2 |
| ..... | 1873 | 8 | 9 | ..... | .... | .... | 14 | 22 | 36 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 |
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| Mazeppa | 22 75 | 15 00 | | 8 00 | | | | | 6 50 | 52 25 | 522 75 | 575 00 |
| *McPherson | | | | 2 00 | | | | | | 2 00 | | 2 00 |
| Medford | 47 94 | 34 61 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 1 00 | | | 3 00 | 6 75 | 105 30 | 936 54 | 1 068 84 |
| Minneapolis. First | 72 11 | 127 08 | 51 09 | 35 29 | 34 85 | | 76 12 | 2 873 19 | 344 90 | 3 614 61 | 4 500 00 | 8 114 61 |
| Minneapolis. Plymouth | 2 098 33 | 1 415 89 | 343 75 | 355 25 | 62 10 | 31 08 | | 38 410 20 | 422 19 | 43 108 79 | 8 500 00 | 51 608 79 |
| Minneapolis. Second | 80 31 | 92 19 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 175 00 | | | 300 00 | 10 00 | 677 50 | 2 798 89 | 3 476 39 |
| Minneapolis. Pilgrim | 21 70 | 36 95 | 6 00 | 20 25 | | 15 15 | 11 33 | 103 20 | 25 00 | 239 58 | 2 000 00 | 2 239 58 |
| Minneapolis. Vine | 24 03 | 25 33 | 12 89 | 2 70 | 120 00 | | | 39 97 | 2 00 | 226 83 | 1 182 87 | 1 409 70 |
| Minneapolis. Como Avenue | | 15 00 | | | | | | 515 95 | | 530 95 | 630 9 | 1 161 95 |
| Minneapolis. Union | | 12 00 | | | | | | 22 00 | | 34 00 | 452 69 | 486 69 |
| Minneapolis. Open Door | 10 92 | 29 38 | 11 35 | 7 09 | | | | 13 44 | | 72 18 | 66 21 | 138 39 |
| Minneapolis. Mayflower | 5 00 | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 15 00 | 300 00 | 315 00 |
| Minneapolis. Lyndale | | | | | | | | 30 00 | | 30 00 | 17 50 | 47 50 |
| Montevideo | | 12 00 | | | | | | | 8 00 | 20 00 | 800 00 | 820 00 |
| Monticello | 10 00 | 30 00 | | | 50 | | | | 9 35 | 49 85 | 670 00 | 719 85 |
| Morris | | | | 6 80 | | | | 100 00 | 3 00 | 109 80 | 924 50 | 1 033 30 |
| Morristown | 16 00 | 13 00 | 10 00 | | | | | | 3 00 | 42 00 | 227 86 | 302 98 |
| Minnesota Lake | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muskoda | | 2 50 | | | | | | | | 2 50 | 40 00 | 42 50 |
| New Richland | | 14 45 | | 4 75 | | | | | 3 75 | 22 95 | 330 0 | 352 95 |
| North Branch | | 4 00 | | | | | | | | 4 00 | 334 19 | 338 19 |
| Northfield | 1 325 00 | 732 20 | 350 00 | 250 00 | 300 00 | 30 00 | 137 08 | 477 37 | 287 68 | 3 899 33 | 5 852 17 | 9 741 50 |
| Ortonville | 2 80 | 22 05 | 1 75 | 1 75 | 1 75 | 5 47 | | | 10 33 | 45 91 | 686 05 | 731 96 |
| Oskis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owatonna | 146 58 | 103 11 | 36 30 | 9 55 | | | 9 23 | | 48 00 | 352 77 | 1 269 05 | 1 621 82 |
| Park Rapids | | | | | | | | | | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Paynesville | | 3 65 | | 5 10 | | | | | | 8 75 | 400 00 | 408 75 |
| Pelican Rapids | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | 2 00 | | 12 00 | 583 00 | 595 72 |
| Perham | | 7 16 | | | | | | | | 7 17 | 617 25 | 624 41 |
| Plainview | 16 00 | 14 50 | 12 99 | 7 00 | | | | 34 12 | 16 00 | 100 61 | 1 120 00 | 1 120 61 |
| Preston Lake | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | 125 00 | 130 00 |
| *Princeton | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rendsville | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | 92 30 | 97 25 | 38 58 | 27 46 | 16 94 | | | 19 89 | 45 14 | 337 56 | 2 000 00 | 2 337 56 |
| Rose Creek | | 24 00 | | 17 25 | 13 00 | | | | 8 00 | 62 25 | 822 80 | 885 05 |
| Rushford | 24 60 | 25 92 | 5 50 | 8 00 | | | | 5 17 | 31 04 | 95 22 | 400 00 | 495 22 |
| Salem | | 26 90 | | 7 75 | | | | 10 00 | | 44 65 | 244 20 | 288 85 |
| Sauk Center | | | | 12 00 | | | | 50 00 | 20 00 | 82 00 | 1 100 00 | 1 182 00 |

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| | 1855 | | 28 | N. H. Pierce | 186 | 1884 | 12 | 20 | 32 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| | 1876 | | 23 | Herbert W. Gleason | Lic | 1884 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | | | | | |
| | 1879 | | 16 | John H. Nason | 1882 | 1883 | 10 | 19 | 29 | | 1 | 13 | 14 | | |
| | 1872 | | 23 | Charles P. Watson | 1857 | 1884 | 15 | 25 | 40 | 7 | 1 | | | | |
| | 1859 | | | | | | * 9 | 4 | 13 | | | | | | |
| | 1876 | | 27 | Josiah Kidder | 1880 | 1881 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| | 1856 | | 24 | Wm. A. Lyman | 1876 | 1884 | 48 | 77 | 125 | 18 | 6 | | | | |
| | 1883 | | 22 | | | | 11 | 13 | 24 | | 2 | | | | |
| | 1857 | | 12 | | | | 12 | 13 | 25 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| | 1880 | | 24 | W. J. Parmelee | 1883 | 1884 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 4 | | | | | |
| | 1883 | | 14 | Geo. S. Ricker | 1873 | 1883 | 6 | 15 | 21 | | 1 | | | | |
| | 1859 | | 28 | Dennis H. Bicknell | 1874 | 1883 | 19 | 52 | 71 | 31 | | | | | |
| | 1864 | | 10 | J. H. Chandler | Ins. | 1883 | 1882 | 33 | 47 | 80 | | 9 | 14 | 23 | |
| | 1876 | | 18 | | | | 9 | 17 | 26 | 7 | | | | | |
| | 1858 | | 17 | M. McG. Dana | Ins. | 1864 | 1878 | 200 | 298 | 498 | | 33 | 73 | 104 | 2 |
| | 1882 | | 31 | Einion C. Evans | | 1878 | 1884 | 20 | 31 | 51 | 7 | 3 | | | |
| | 1883 | | 6 | E. H. Votaw | | 1874 | 1883 | 23 | 44 | 67 | 2 | 23 | | | |

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| Scambler | 3 00 | | | | | | | | | 3 00 | 75 00 | 78 00 |
| Sherburne | 9 00 | 15 00 | | 6 00 | 10 00 | | | | | 40 00 | 335 00 | 375 00 |
| Sleepy Eye | | 10 00 | 11 40 | 3 74 | | | | 40 00 | 25 00 | 92 14 | 725 00 | 817 14 |
| *South Bend | | 8 00 | | | | | | | | 8 00 | | 8 00 |
| Springfield | 3 00 | 5 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | | | | | 11 50 | 188 00 | 199 50 |
| Spring Valley | 25 25 | 21 50 | 17 35 | 13 00 | | | | 14 05 | 4 40 | 95 55 | 1 171 21 | 1 266 76 |
| St. Charles | 43 70 | 4 82 | 4 00 | 1 14 | | | | | | 53 16 | 1 050 00 | 1 103 16 |
| St. Cloud | 24 60 | 26 12 | 18 50 | 16 15 | | | | 4 71 | 43 90 | 133 98 | 1 611 54 | 1 745 52 |
| Stephen | | | | | | | | | | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Sterling | 7 23 | 9 00 | | 5 30 | | | | | | 21 53 | 250 00 | 271 53 |
| Stewartville | | | | | | | | 6 00 | | 6 00 | 1 13 | 7 13 |
| Stillwater—Grace | 5 00 | 26 00 | 4 00 | 11 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | | 18 63 | 12 00 | 80 63 | 2 230 22 | 2 310 85 |
| St. Olaf | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Paul—Plymouth | 222 37 | 479 45 | 82 79 | 1 015 00 | 33 78 | | 25 00 | 350 00 | 60 04 | 2 268 43 | 7 000 00 | 9 268 43 |
| St. Paul—Pacific | 8 75 | 25 00 | | | | | | | 18 50 | 52 25 | 834 25 | 886 50 |
| St. Paul—Atlantic | 85 | 32 80 | 12 00 | | | | 10 00 | | 15 00 | 70 65 | 896 50 | 967 15 |
| St. Paul—Park | 18 00 | 95 25 | | | | | | 15 00 | 17 00 | 145 25 | 16 386 93 | 16 532 18 |
| *Tracy | | 7 34 | | | | | | | 2 00 | 9 34 | 200 00 | 209 34 |
| Tyler | 1 71 | 7 75 | | 1 80 | | | | | | 11 26 | 181 81 | 193 07 |
| Villard | 1 50 | 6 00 | | | | | | | | 7 50 | 282 25 | 289 75 |
| Verndale | | 11 25 | | | | | | | 2 25 | 13 50 | 157 00 | 170 50 |
| Wabasha | 44 81 | 34 58 | | | | | 8 85 | | 20 00 | 108 24 | 922 27 | 1 030 51 |
| Wadena | | 35 00 | | 7 00 | | | | | 4 75 | 46 75 | 400 00 | 446 75 |
| Walnut Grove | 11 00 | 6 90 | | | | | | | | 17 90 | | 17 90 |
| Waseca | 47 51 | 80 99 | 19 01 | 28 49 | | 9 57 | 19 01 | 79 00 | 17 40 | 300 98 | 1 721 63 | 2 022 61 |
| Waterville | 14 00 | 21 30 | | | | | | | | 40 30 | 210 00 | 250 30 |
| Wayzata | 10 00 | 18 20 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | 28 20 | | 28 20 |
| Westford | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| West Union | | | | 3 35 | | | | | | 3 35 | 136 00 | 139 35 |
| Winona | 241 70 | 462 00 | 126 16 | 30 00 | 20 00 | | 41 48 | 2 324 43 | 50 00 | 3 295 77 | 3 855 71 | 7 151 48 |
| *Witoka | 2 00 | 3 00 | | | | | | | 3 00 | 8 00 | | 8 00 |
| Worthington | 12 10 | 24 20 | 10 00 | 12 10 | 10 08 | | 5 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 | 88 57 | 700 00 | 788 57 |
| Zumbrota | 51 80 | 51 70 | 25 00 | 19 38 | | 8 50 | 16 00 | | | 172 38 | 1 200 00 | 1 372 38 |
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CHANGES from last year's list of CHURCI
Minneapolis—Open Door, Minneapolis
Lyndale, North Branch, Park Rapids.

Marine—Second becomes Arcola.

*Dropped*,—Belle Prairie, Blue Hill, I
Glenwood, Green Prairie, Havelock, Lar
Mentor, Stanley.

CHURCHES: 20 with pastors; 72 with acti
ing 7 supplied by licentiates, &c.). Total,

MINISTERS: 20 pastors; 62 acting paston

CHURCH MEMBERS: 3,035 males; 5,204 fe
1,143 absent. Gain, 577. *Resident Member*

ADDITIONS: 580 by profession; 614 by let

REMOVALS: 52 by death; 357 by dismi
432.

# CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

*ARRANGED ACCORDING TO CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP, WITH OTHER CONFERENCE AND CHURCH ITEMS.*

(*) See previous tables for Post Office address.

## I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: First Tuesday in May, 1885, at Excelsior.

REGISTRAR: James G. Nind, Minneapolis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. J. L. Scudder, Minneapolis; Rev. E. S. William Rev. E. H. Votaw.

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| | Anoka | | 70 | E. L. Curial | Geo. W. Church. |
| | Arcola, (Marine Mills) | | 15 | Mrs. Chas. Hunter | J. Huntley |
| | Brownton | M. K. Pasco | 24 | John Thom | D. S. Butler |
| | Cottage Grove | Leonard H. Moses. | 74 | Samuel H. Thurber | Rev. L. H. Moses |
| | Dassel | | 34 | W. D. Bangs | A. M. Bell |
| | Elk River—Union | Wm. M. Jenkins | 67 | Harry D. Mills | Wm. H. Houlton |
| | Excelsior | Isaac L. Cory | 111 | L. L. Bishop | Rev. I. L. Cory |
| | Glencoe | D. M. Lewis | 38 | F. A. Graves | |
| | Groveland, (Chowen) | Chas. A. Conant | 12 | K. H. Whipple | Mrs. W. Rohfling |
| | Hutchinson | | 27 | Howard Bacon | C. K. Gooodnow |
| | Lakeland | Geo. S. Ricker | 11 | Freeman C. Tyler | D. F. Gross |
| | Marine (Marine Mills) | | 5 | Dr. J. R. M. Gaskill | Mrs. G. F. Sabin |
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| | Plymouth | R.G.Hutchins, DD. | 757 | Chas. A. J. Marsh | Geo. B. Shepherd |
| | Second | H. C. Hovey, D. D. | 192 | Geo. H. Spry | Geo. Bacheller |
| | Pilgrim | Chas. W. Merrill | 144 | John Chant | Horace N.Leighto |
| | Vine | S. V. S. Fisher | 42 | Frank B. Irons | Geo. G. Sanborn |
| | Como Avenue | Americus Fuller | 28 | Geo. H. Elwell | James T. Elwell |
| | Union | Geo. A. Hood | 19 | Lydia F. Hanks | Joseph Hamilton |
| | Mayflower | Henry F. Tyler | 18 | John Hillier | A. H. Young |
| | Open Door | Reuben A. Torrey | 21 | Mrs. P. H. Hughes | Edward Fay |
| | Lyndale | Archibald Hadden | 31 | Edmund B. Hood | Chas. Newcomb |
| | North Branch | Thos. R. Quayle | 8 | | D. D. Eddy |
| | Preston Lake, (*) | Sylv. H. Kellogg | 15 | Watkin Eynon | Rev. S. H. Kellog |
| | Stillwater—Grace | Geo. S. Ricker | 21 | A. D. Roe | W. T. Boutwell |
| St. Paul. | Plymouth | M.McG.Dana D. D. | 498 | S. S. Stokes | W. B. Johnson |
| | Pacific | Einion C. Evans | 44 | C. W. Clarke | W. F. Myron |
| | Atlantic | E. H. Votaw | 65 | Frank A. Davis | C. H. Carmon |
| | Park | John H. Morley | 64 | W. K. Mulliken | W. J. Dyer |
| | Wayzata | Chas. A. Conant | 33 | Mrs. A. A.Churchill | W. Braden |

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| Haynesville | John W. Todd | 21 | L. M |
| Princeton | | 16 | |
| Sauk Center | James B. Drew | 59 | J. A |
| Sauk Rapids | Nathaniel H. Pierce | 30 | Sylv |
| St. Cloud | J. Hayes Chandler | 80 | Geo |
| Villard | | 14 | Mrs. |
| West Union | | 10 | Mrs. |

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## III. MANKATO CON

ANNUAL MEETING: Last Tuesday in May, 188
REGISTRAR: Rev. H. H. Hart, St. Paul.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. L. W. Chaney, W

| CHURCHES. | MINISTERS. | Res. Mems. | CH |
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| Belgrade, (Mankato) | | 23 | Frar |
| Carson and Delton. (*) | | 7 | A. B |
| Chain Lake Center (*) | John H. Nason | 16 | Mrs. |
| Edgerton | | 20 | Jas. |
| Fairmont | John H. Nason | 62 | Mrs. |
| Freeborn | Wilbur Fisk | 33 | Miss |
| Freedom, (Alma City) | | 14 | S. O. |
| Goshen, (Courtland) | William Powell | 9 | Thor |
| Hartland | John Hayward | 21 | Miss |
| Janesville | Joseph S. Rounce | 19 | Mrs. |
| Mankato | Henry A. Bushnell | 87 | Rev. |
| Mapleton | | 19 | D. W |
| McPherson | | 8 | |
| Minnesota Lake | | 11 | |

## IV. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE

ANNUAL MEETING: Last Tuesday in June, 1885, at Benson.
REGISTRAR: Rev. Geo. B. Nutting, Hancock.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. C. A. Ruddock, Hancock; Rev. A. Hadden.

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| Appleton | E. F. Wheeler | 11 | C. D. Hastings | |
| Benson | C. A. Ruddock | 24 | J. T. Marvin | J. T. Marvin |
| Granite Falls | Thomas E. Lewis | 50 | W A. Graves | E. B. Ward |
| Hancock | G. B. Nutting / C. A. Ruddock | 16 | Rev. G. B. Nutting | Rev. G. B. Nuttin |
| Lac Qui Parle | | 3 | | |
| Montevideo | Robt. P. Herrick | 32 | Lucius F. Clark | Rev. O. A. Starr |
| Morris | | 23 | E. S. Hall | A. A. Stone |
| Ortonville | J. B. Fairbank | 39 | F. W. Shumaker | F. W. Shumaker |
| Rendsville | | 9 | A. Young | Mrs. Wm. Davidso |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: A. Hadden, G. B. Nutting, C. A. Ruddock.

## V. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 16, 1885, at Detroit.
REGISTRAR: Rev. E. H. Stickney, Detroit City.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. E. H. Stickney, Detroit City; Rev. C. E. Page, Re
E. L. Morse.

| CHURCHES. | MINISTERS. | RES. MEM. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
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| Ada | John A. Wells | 16 | N. H. Farnworth | Fred. L. Hampson |
| Aitkin | J. W. Hargrave | 13 | C. J. Birch | F. L. Young |
| Auderbon | E. H. Stickney | 18 | L. C. McKinstry | Thos. W. Dunlap |
| Bluffton | E. P. Crane | 11 | Mrs. L. A. Maltby | W. W. Palmer |
| Brainerd—First | N. B. Kelley | 83 | Harry C. Craig | C. O. Paguin, M.I |
| " Second | D. C. Reid | 36 | E. A. Kurskern | Rev. D. C. Reid |
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| Northfield | E. M. Williams | 269 | L. V |
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| Rose Creek | | 17 | .... |
| Spring Valley | W. A. Lyman | 107 | W. I |
| Waterville | | 22 | .... |

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ANNUAL MEETING: Second Tuesday in June,
REGISTRAR: Rev. J. B. Fairbank. Ortonville.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. J. K. Fairbank, (
C. P. Watson.

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| Clifton, (Marshall) | | 6 | A. E. |
| Custer, (Tracy) | P. K. Peregrine | 34 | R. R. |
| Eden, (Lolland) | | 20 | M... |

## VIII. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Fourth Tuesday in May, 1885, at Wabasha.
REGISTRAR: Rev. S. K. Perkins, Plainview.
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| CHURCHES. | MINISTERS. | Res. Mem. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUP'TS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | R. S. Cross | 59 | W. H. Scofield | W. H. Scofield |
| Douglass, (Hastings) | R. S. Cross | 22 | N. W. Toplin | E. Harrison |
| High Forest | W. J. Parmelee | 30 | C. K. Lyon | P. M. Tuttle |
| Lake City | J. W. Horner | 94 | Rev. J. W. Horner. | Wm. H. Moore |
| Mazeppa | John Bradshaw | 28 | R. E. Ruth | S. W. Wyatt |
| Plainview | S. K. Perkins | 95 | R. C. Stillman | M. A Robinson |
| Rochester | J. W. Bradshaw | 136 | John M. Porter | Geo. H. Swasey |
| Rushford | W. W. Snell | 45 | Rev. W. W. Snell | Rev. W. W. Snell |
| St. Charles | D. H. Bicknell | 40 | I. C. Brewer | E. M. Gallup |
| Stewartville | W. J. Parmelee | 13 | J. T. Collins | Robt. Stauner |
| Wabasha | N. T. Blakeslee | 59 | C. H. Robinson | M. Kennedy |
| Winona | J. H. Crum | 268 | Chas. A. Tenney | Prof. I. Shepard |
| Witoka | | 21 | | |
| Zumbrota | W. C. Rice | 120 | Harry C. Sargent. | J. B. Locke |

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| NAME. | ORDAINED. YR. | M. | D. | PRESENT RELATION. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armstrong, Robert S. | 1856 | 4 | 13 | A. P. | Alma City | Mankato |
| Barnes, Jeremiah R. | 1838 | | | W. C. | Owatonna | |
| Barteau, Sidney H. | 1857 | 2 | 10 | W. C. | Angus | Northern Pacific. |
| Bicknell, Dennis H. | 1872 | 4 | 8 | A. P. | St. Charles | Winona |
| Bird, Charles Willard. | 1880 | 5 | 26 | A. P. | Perham | Northern Pacific. |
| Blakeslee, Newton T. | 1868 | 11 | 11 | A. P. | Wabasha | Winona |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851 | 11 | 1 | A. P. | Mazeppa | Chicago, [Ill.] |
| Bradshaw, John W. | 1874 | 10 | 19 | P. | Rochester | Winona |
| Bronson, Samuel M. | 1861 | 9 | 22 | A. P. | Evansville | Northern Pacific. |
| Brown, J. Newton. | 1870 | 10 | 23 | P. | Owatonna | Owatonna |
| Bushnell, Henry A. | 1882 | 7 | 27 | P. | Mankato | Mankato |
| Chandler, J. Hayes. | 1883 | 11 | 13 | P. | St. Cloud | Central |
| Chaney, Lucian W. | 1852 | 12 | 29 | A. P. | Waseca | Mankato |
| Chapin, Nathan C. | 1851 | 11 | 2 | W. C. | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Chase, Henry L. | 1864 | | | W. C. | Minneapolis | Central [Iowa] |
| Conant Charles A. | 1864 | 7 | 3 | A. P. | Wayzata | Anoka |
| Cory, Isaac L. | 1879 | 9 | 16 | A. P. | Excelsior | Anoka |
| Crane, Edward P. | 1864 | 10 | 6 | A. P. | Wadena | Northern Pacific. |
| Cross, Rowland S. | 1876 | 10 | 18 | A. P. | Can. Riv. F'lls. | |
| Crum, John H. | 1862 | 10 | 2 | P. | Winona | Winona |

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| Fisk, Wilbur | 1876 | 6 | 13 | P. |
| Fuller, Americus | 1862 | 10 | 2 | A. P. |
| Gale, Edmund | 1856 | 12 | 24 | A. P. |
| Gleason, Herbert W. | Lic. | | | A. P. |
| Hadden, Archibald | 1880 | 12 | 15 | P. |
| Hall, Richard | 1850 | 8 | 8 | W. C. |
| Hart, Hastings H. | 1881 | 2 | 2 | W. C. |
| Hargrave, John W. | 1878 | 10 | 9 | P. |
| Hayward, John | 1877 | | | A. P. |
| Henderson, David | 1874 | 12 | 10 | A. P. |
| Herrick, Robert P. | 1883 | 6 | | A. P. |
| Hood, George A. | 1869 | 9 | 30 | A. P. |
| Horner, John W. | 1876 | | | A. P. |
| Hovey, H. C., D. D. | 1858 | | | P. |
| Hull, Jacob S. | 1878 | 12 | 12 | W. C. |
| Hunt, N. A. | 1846 | | | W. C. |
| Hunt, Eugene F. | Lic. | | | A. P. |
| Huntington, Prof. Geo. | 1864 | 5 | 18 | Carl'n Coll. |
| Hutchins, R. G., D.D. | 1866 | | | P. |
| James, William A. | 1867 | | | W. C. |
| Jenkins, William M. | 1865 | 9 | 17 | A. P. |
| Jewell, J. Spencer. | 1866 | | | A. P. |
| Jones, David D. | | | | W. C. |
| Kelley, Newton B. | 1884 | 7 | 29 | P. |
| Kellogg, Sylvanus H. | 1857 | | | A. P. |
| Kidder, Josiah | 1880 | 12 | 2 | W. C. |
| Kribs, Ludwig | 1843 | 7 | 5 | A. P. |
| Lathrop, A. C | 1843 | 2 | 24 | W. C. |
| Lewis, Daniel M. | 1884 | 4 | 2 | P. |
| Lewis, Thomas E. | Lic. | | | A. P. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nason, John H | 1862 | 9 | 9 | A. P | Fairmont | Mankato |
| Noyes, Edward M | 1883 | 9 | 20 | P | Duluth | Northern Pac |
| Nutting, George B | 1851 | 8 | 21 | A. P | Hancock | Minn. Valley |
| Page, Charles E | 1873 | 12 | | A. P | Crookston | Northern Pac |
| Parmelee, W. J | 1883 | 11 | 21 | A. P | High Forest | Anoka |
| Pasco, Martin K | 1869 | | | A. P | Brownton | Anoka |
| Pearson, Prof. A. H | 1880 | 7 | 7 | Carl. Coll | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Peregrine, Philip K | 1861 | 3 | 10 | A. P | Amiret | Western |
| Perkins, Sidney K | 1880 | 8 | 20 | A. P | Plainview | Winona |
| Pierce, Nathaniel H | 1860 | 3 | 15 | A. P | Sauk Rapids | Anoka |
| Porter, Samuel F | 1836 | 5 | 4 | W. C | Quincy, Mich | Northern Pac |
| Powell, William | 1863 | 4 | 13 | A. P | Courtland | Mankato |
| Quayle, Thomas R | 1877 | 8 | 5 | A. P | Rush City | Anoka |
| Reid. David C | 1884 | 6 | 29 | A. P | Brainerd | Northern Pac |
| Ricker, George S | 1873 | 8 | 23 | A. P | Stillwater | Anoka |
| Rogers, Enoch E | 1869 | 5 | 12 | Evangelist | Minneapolis | Owatonna |
| Rounce. Joseph S | 1852 | 2 | | A. P | Janesville | Mankato |
| Ruddock, Chas. A | 1861 | 5 | 21 | A. P | Hancock | Minn. Valley |
| Sargent, Geo. W | 1859 | 12 | 16 | A. P | Clearwater | Central |
| Scudder, John L | 1877 | 12 | 26 | P | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Shedd, Charles | 1842 | 3 | 24 | W. C | Zumbrota | Winona |
| Sheldon, Charles B | 1851 | 10 | 17 | W. C | Excelsior | Anoka |
| Smith, Oscar M | 1863 | 2 | 25 | A. P | Hawley | Northern Pac |
| Snell, William W | 1859 | 10 | 10 | A. P | Rushford | Winona |
| Stevens, Moody A | 1862 | 12 | 9 | W. C | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Stickney, Edwin H | 1881 | 7 | 5 | A. P | Detroit City | Northern Pac |
| Strong, Pres. J.W., D D | 1862 | 9 | 28 | Carl'n Coll. | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Strong, John C | 1846 | 11 | 16 | W. C | Center Chain | Owatonna |
| Sutherland, Wm. L | 1880 | 12 | 15 | A. P | Medford | Owatonna |
| Taintor, Jesse F | 1878 | 10 | 29 | A. P | Fergus Falls | Northern Pac |
| Tebbets, Arthur H | 1874 | 7 | 1 | A. P | Dodge Center | Owatonna |
| Todd, John W | 1882 | 9 | 17 | A. P | Paynesville | Central |
| Torrey, Reuben A | 1878 | | | P | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Tuttle, Harmon B | 1874 | 1 | 20 | W. C | St. Charles | Winona |
| Tyler, Henry F | 1880 | | | P | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Votaw, Elihu H | 1872 | | | A. P | St. Paul | Anoka |
| Walcott, Frank N | 1877 | 12 | 30 | Fin'l Miss'y | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| Warren, Albert | 1872 | 8 | 1 | A. P | Lake Benton | Western |
| Watson, Chas. P | 1857 | | | A. P | Sleepy Eye | Western |
| Wells, John A | 1852 | 9 | 7 | A. P | Ada | Northern Pac |
| Willard, Henry | 1858 | 10 | 20 | W. C | Mantorville | Owatonna |
| Williams, Edward M | 1869 | 2 | 25 | P | Northfield | Owatonna |
| Williams, Edwin S | 1864 | 6 | 10 | City Miss'y | Minneapolis | Anoka |
| **Willey, Austin** | 1859 | 5 | 18 | W. C | **Northfield** | **Owatonna** |
| **Wright, Cassius E** | 1871 | 2 | 3 | P | **Austin** | **Owatonna** |

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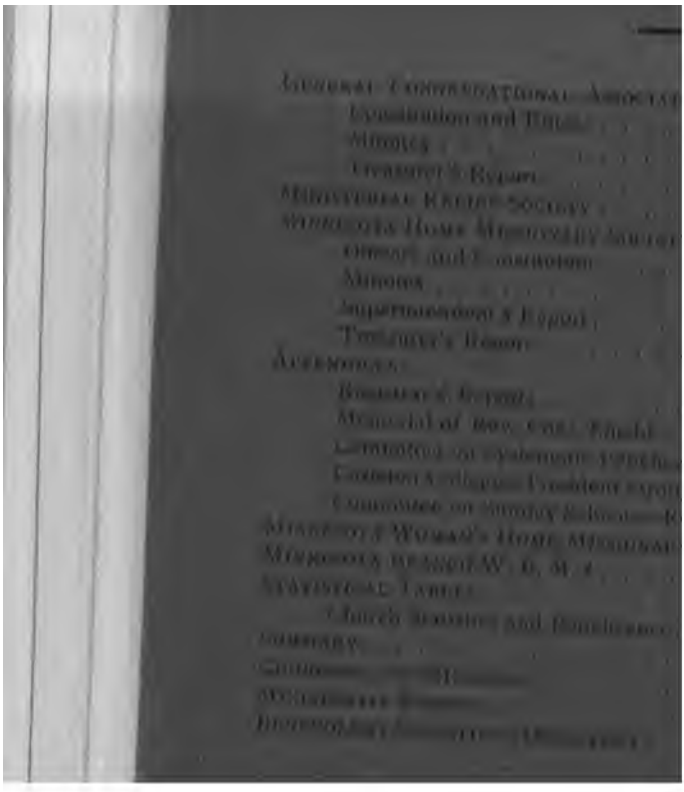

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OF THE

## THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# General Congregational Association

OF

## MINNESOTA,

HELD AT

## WINONA, SEPTEMBER 15-18, 1885,

AND OF THE

## *STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES,*

WITH

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| 10 | 1865 | Minneapolis | Bro. R. G. Lincoln |
| 11 | 1866 | Faribault | Bro. W. G. Copp |
| 12 | 1867 | St. Cloud | Rev. J. W. Strong |
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| 14 | 1869 | Owatonna | Bro. J. L. Noyes |
| 15 | 1870 | Northfield | Bro. R. J. Baldwin |
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| 17 | 1872 | Lake City | Rev. S. H. Bartead |
| 18 | 1873 | St. Paul | Bro. H. W. Page |
| 19 | 1874 | Winona | Rev. H. A. Stimson |
| 20 | 1875 | Minneapolis | Rev. L. H. Cobb |
| 21 | 1876 | Austin | Rev. E. M. Williams |
| 22 | 1877 | Faribault | Rev. David Burt |
| 23 | 1878 | Mankato | Rev. D. L. Leonard |
| 24 | 1879 | E. Minneapolis | Hon. A. H. Young |
| 25 | 1880 | Northfield | Rev. L. W. Chaney |
| 26 | 1881 | Rochester | Rev. Geo. A. Hood |
| 27 | 1882 | St. Paul | Bro. H. W. Page |
| 28 | 1883 | Lake City | Rev. J. W. Bradshaw |
| 29 | 1884 | St. Cloud | Rev. M. W. Montgome |
| 30 | 1885 | Winona | Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. |

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Rev. J. F. Dudley . . 1865–1867.
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| 8. | WINONA, | Rev. D. H. Bicknell, St. Charles. |

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 21, 1886, with Second Church, Minneapolis.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING.—neapolis; Dea. C. E. Young, Bro. V

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# CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

# GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

# OF MINNESOTA.

## CONSTITUTION.

### NAME.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be called the "GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA."

### OBJECT.

ART. 2.—No ecclesiastical power or authority shall be assumed by this Association or delegated thereto; but its object shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation among the Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

### STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE.

ART. 3.—I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who is sent from the Father and Son, and who together with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified.

II. We believe that the providence of God, by which he executes His eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

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V. We believe that the Scriptures of
the record of God's revelation of Himself
they were written by men under the spe
that they are able to make wise unto salva
authoritative standard by which religious
to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God
est expression in the redemptive work of I
ing His divine nature with our human natu
ed like other men, yet without sin; who, b
ience, His sufferings, His death on the cro
a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of I
declares the righteousness of God, and is
forgiveness and of reconciliation with Him

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ a
ascended into heaven, where, as the one
He carries forward His work of saving me
to convict them of sin, and to lead them to
those who through renewing grace turn to
Christ as their Redeemer, receive for His
and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who ar
grow in sanctified character through fellov
of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the t
and evidence of saving faith; and that the
in such a life is in the preserving grace of

guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another, may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship, may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments, which Christ has appointed for His church: Baptism, to be administered to believers and their children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby He confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with Himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting life.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 4.—I. Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—of a Congregational conference in this State, of the evangelical character of which the General Association is satisfied, shall be entitled to a seat in this body; also one delegate from each church connected with such conference, conference registrars, officers of this Association, and members of its standing committees.

II. Other ministers or laymen present at any meeting, whose names are proposed by the Nominating Committee, may be made honorary members with all privileges of membership, except that of voting.

## OFFICERS.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot; an Assistant Scribe and Auditor, chosen annually *viva voce;* and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall have charge of the records, correspondence and statistics, and shall also be Treasurer.

These shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

## COMMITTEES.

ART. 6.—I. The standing committees of this Association, to be chosen annually, shall be a Business Committee, a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on Finance and on Printing, and a Sunday School Committee, of three members each; a Committee to visit Carleton College, and a Committee on "The Pilgrim," of five members each; and a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, of one member from each conference. The Business Committee shall always have one member who has served upon said committee within the last two years. The minister of the church with which the

should an exigency arise requ
or a change from the appointed time c
may be made by the Moderator, Secret
mittee, and Chairman of the Committ
these, upon giving adequate notice.

## AMENDMENTS

ART. 8.—I. This constitution may
by a two-thirds vote of the members
having been given at the previous meet

II. Any rule of the Association n
two-thirds vote. A motion to alter, esta
read on two days and may be discussed
ing the question shall be: *Shall it be re*

## RULE

1. At the annual meeting the Mod
their absence the Secretary, or the min
meeting is held, shall preside until perm
session shall be opened with a sermon by
by the Association, if he shall be present
by the Business C

4. Every motion, when it is requested, shall be reduced to writing: and every written motion, when seconded, shall be passed to the Scribe, who shall likewise receive all reports presented to this body, and all papers which it shall adopt.

5. In debate no one shall speak upon the same question more than twice, or longer than ten minutes, except by vote of the body.

6. The Secretary and Scribe of this body, and the Registrar of any conference shall be a committee on credentials for members within the bounds of said conference.

7. The Secretary shall collect through the Registrars, the statistics from the conferences and churches, and shall publish and distribute the minutes of this body, and for his services he may receive fifty dollars and expenses.

8. The Treasurer shall collect through the Registrars, the funds due this body from the conferences, according to the apportionment made by the Committee on Finance.

9. The Business Committee shall prepare the program for the annual meeting, and shall publish the same at least three weeks before the time appointed for said meeting. They shall also prepare the order of business for each session, designating the time when the reports of officers, and of the committees provided for in the Constitution, and of the President of Carleton College shall be received. They shall nominate the Moderator, Scribe, and members of the Nominating Committee. New business shall be introduced only by the Business Committee, except upon vote of the Association.

10. The Nominating Committee shall nominate officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and shall propose the names of honorary members.

11. The Committee of Arrangements shall make general arrangements for the annual meeting, and shall appoint preachers or leaders for all religious services except the opening sermon.

12. The Committee on Finance shall approve all bills to be paid by the Treasurer; and shall estimate the expenses of this body for the ensuing year, and apportion the same among the conferences, such apportionment to be published in the minutes.

13. The annual reports from the churches in each conference shall be presented in writing by its Registrar, or such person as it shall appoint.

14. Any member of this Association, if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule shall be sufficient, and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. At the meeting of this body next previous to the meeting of the National Council, delegates at large and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen to represent the Congregational churches of this State at the National Council.

The General Congregational
met for its Thirtieth (30) Annual
tional Church of Winona, on Tue
7:30 P. M. Rev. Archibald Hadder
ducted the opening services.

Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., of
opening sermon from Jeremiah 32
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At the close of the sermon
Moderator, took the chair, and Ha
temporary Scribe. The names of
were gathered for the roll, and the

## ROLL.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

| | Churches. | Ministers. | Delegates. |
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| | Excelsior | I. L. Cory | |
| | Hutchinson | H. L. Chase | |
| | Lakeland | Geo. S. Ricker | |
| Minneapolis. | First | | Mrs. J. L. Scudder |
| | Plymouth | R. G. Hutchins | Robt. D. Russell |
| | Second | H. C. Hovey | Harlan P. Roberts |
| | Pilgrim | C. W. Merrill | F. W. Lauderdale |
| | Vine | | Geo. G. Sanborn |
| | Como Ave | | Jas. T. Elwell |
| | Union | Geo. A. Hood | F. R. Code |
| | Open Door | Reuben A. Torrey | |
| | Lyndale | Archibald Hadden | |
| | Stillwater | Geo. S. Ricker | |
| St. Paul. | Plymouth | M. McG. Dana | Rev. H. H. Hart |
| | Pacific | E. C. Evans | Evan Williams |
| | Atlantic | | H. A. Kellam |
| | Park | | W. H. Howard |

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

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| Little Falls | M. K. Pasco | |
| Monticello | David C. Reid | |

### MANKATO CONFERENCE.

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| Fairmont | J. H. Nason | |
| Freeborn | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Freedom | Wilbur Fisk | Mrs. Abby Challis |
| Janesville | J. S. Rounce | |
| Mankato | | Mrs. W. W. P. McConnell |
| Mapleton | Thomas R. Quayle | |
| McPherson | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Waseca | L. W. Chaney | J. L. Chaghorn |

### MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

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| Hancock | Edw. N. Ruddock | |
| Lake Emily | Edw. N. Ruddock | |
| Montevideo | R. P. Herrick | |
| Ortonville | J. B. Fairbank | |

### NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

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| Duluth | E. M. Noyes | W. S. Woodbridge |
| Fergus Falls | J. F Taintor | |
| Glyndon | C. W. Bird | Mrs. S. N. Millard |

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| Marshall | |
| New Ulm | C. Mowery |
| Springfield | Josiah Kidder |

WINONA CONF

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| Cannon Falls | R. S. Cross |
| Douglass | |
| Lake City | J. W. Horner |
| Mazeppa | John Bradshaw |
| Plainview | |
| Rochester | |
| Rushford | W. W. Snell |
| St. Charles | D. H. Bicknell |
| Wabasha | N. T. Blakeslee |
| Winona | J. H. Crum |
| Wiscoy | |
| Wiloke | |
| Zumbrota | W. C. Rice |

OTHER MINISTERIAL

Rev. John H. Morley,
Rev. E. S. Williams,
Rev. R. S. Armstrong,
Rev. E. E. Rogers,
Rev. Hiram Elmer,

MEMBER EX-O

Rev. J. B. Clark, New York City, A. H. M. S.
Rev. W. F. Cooley, Lehi, Utah.
Rev. J. J. Crist, Olive Branch M. E. Church, Winona.
Rev. H. W. Gleason, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Simeon Gilbert, Boston, Mass.
Rev. S. J. Humphrey, Chicago A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. H. C. Hiscox, Baptist Church, Winona.
Rev. D. C. John, M. E. Church, Winona.
Rev. B. Johnson, Forest City, Iowa.
Rev. W. A. James, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Herman Lindskog, Rockford, Ills.
Rev. S. F. Porter, Quincy, Mich.
Rev. J. E. Roy, A. M. A., Chicago.
Rev. C. N. Stowers, Presiding Elder, Winona District.
Rev. John A. Stemen, Alexandria.
Rev. C. H. Taintor, A. C. U., Chicago.
Rev. R. J. Thompson, Pres. Church of Winona.
Rev. J. A. Wood, Durand, Wis.
Rev. E. F. Wheeler, Appleton.
Rev. H. F. Williams, State Secretary Y. M. C. A.

The Business Committee nominated the following officers for the permanent organization, who were duly elected:

MODERATOR.—Rev. M. McG. Dana, D. D.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.—Bro. W. H. Laird.

SCRIBE.—Harlan P. Roberts, Esq.

ASSISTANT SCRIBES.—Rev. J. F. Taintor and H. M. Kinney.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Rev. J. N. Brown.

Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Treasurer, presented his report which was accepted and referred to the auditor.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, chairman of the Committee on Finance made the following report which was adopted:

There is at present in the treasury and collectable assets $75.00 above all outstanding obligations. It was the desire of your committee that there should be a sufficient amount on hand to pay for printing and distribution of minutes. In this expectation we have been disappointed. Owing to the inefficient way in which "ads" were obtained for the last year's minutes, we realized but $43.00 instead of an expected $125.00 from that source.

...penses of the Association f
follows:

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| Printing Minutes | |
| National Council | |
| Distribution of Minutes | |
| Stationery and Postage | |
| Salary of Secretary | |
| Expenses | |
| Business Committee | |

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| Anoka Conference | |
| Central Conference | |
| Mankato | |
| Minnesota Valley | |
| Northern Pacific | |
| Owatonna | |
| Western | |
| Winona | |

This estimate is on the basis of a
on resident paying members. It sho
mind that the money so raised is f
National Association. What is need
must be assessed in addition by those
ment is ½ cent less than last year.

Rev. Dr. Dana ...

Anoka Conference, by H. P. Roberts.
Mankato Conference, by Rev. H. A. Bushnell, read by State Secretary.
Minnesota Valley Conference, by Rev. R. P. Herrick.
Northern Pacific Conference, by Rev. J. F. Taintor.
Owatonna Conference, by Rev. C. E. Wright.
Western Conference, by Rev. A. Warren, read by State Secretary.
Winona Conference, by Rev. D. H. Bicknell.

A summary of the reports was presented by Rev. J. B. Fairbank.

Reports were accepted and referred to the committee on printing.

F. W. Lauderdale was elected auditor.

Prof. Geo. Huntington, chairman of the Committee on Recognition Councils, presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was recommitted the subject of Councils of Recognition, would recommend the adoption of the following minute on the subject:

The Congregational Association of Minnesota, with a view to promoting the permanency of the pastoral relation, and to establishing and maintaining it consistently with Congregational principles, especially that of the fellowship of the churches, do hereby recommend:

1. That whenever it is practicable, ministers be engaged for an indefinite rather than for a limited period of time, and that it be assumed that without strong reasons to the contrary, the relation be permanent.

2. That when the relation is to continue for an unlimited period or greater than one year, a council of neighboring churches be called, to consider and advise upon the fitness of the candidate for the office, his ministerial standing, and the desirability of the proposed relation; and, when it is found desirable, to recognize and inaugurate it by suitable services.

3. That when the limit of the pastorate has been fixed by the original engagement, and its further continuance be not desired, it be terminated informally, without a council.

4. That when the termination of an unlimited pastorate is proposed, a small council of neighboring churches be called, to consider the reasons for such action, and to advise in the matter.

5. That each local conference appoint a Standing Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the National Council of 1880, "To act as an advisory body, etc."

6. That in the inauguration of every pastorate, long or short, for a limited or an unlimited period, where neither a council nor an advisory committee is called in, the church itself hold a solemn service in recognition of the entrance of the pastor upon his work.

7. That under no circumstances churches invite to their pulpits, much

Opening prayer by Dea. I. C.

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Report accepted and recomme
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distribution in the churches.

Address by Rev. M. L. Burg
McCall Mission in France.

A discussion upon the use of lit
gational Churches was opened by R
erally participated in by the membe

WEDNESDAY—EVEN

A communication was read fron

Association was addressed by Rev. J. B. Clark, D. D., Secretary of the A. H. M. S., by Rev. Chas. R. Bliss, Secretary of The New West Education Commission and by Rev. C. H. Taintor, Field Secretary of the American Congregational Union.

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## THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services, led by Rev. R. A. Torrey.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following committees and they were elected :

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. G. W. Sargent, Rev. H. H. Hart, Rev. R. P. Herrick, Rev. J. F. Taintor, Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. C. P. Watson, Rev. D. H. Bicknell.

ON THE PILGRIM.—Rev. J. H. Morley, Rev. L. W. Chaney, Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Rev. J. H. Crum and C. W. Hackett.

ON FINANCE AND PRINTING.—Rev. R. A. Torrey, Prof. C. W. Hall, H. P. Roberts.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.—Rev. C. E. Wright, Rev. J. H. Crum, Harlan Page.

ON REVIVALS.—Rev. C. W. Merrill, Rev. E. E. Rogers and Henry Plant.

TO VISIT CARLETON COLLEGE.—Rev. J. H. Crum, Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Rev. H. A. Bushnell, Rev. C. Mowery, Rev. J. L. Scudder.

COMMITTEE ON S. S.—Rev. E. M. Noyes, Rev. E. F. Hunt, W. W. P. McConnell.

The following committees were appointed :

On Place and Preacher : Rev. E. F. Hunt, Rev. C. W. Bird and Henry Plant.

On Resolutions : Rev. E. M. Williams, Rev. E. Gale and Rev. I. L. Cory.

Association took a recess to give place for the meeting of the State Home Missionary Society.

...ing the following amendments to t
ciety :

1. That Article 1 be amended to rea
ed The Society for the Relief and Suppor
and their Families."

2. That the first part of Article 9
"unincumbered farming lands" be stricke
place the following: "The Treasurer, wi
Trustees, shall invest the funds of the S
cumbered real estate security worth at leas

3. That all of Article 10 after the
amount liable," be stricken out.

The proposed amendments hav
ing, were admitted to consideration

Judge E. S. Jones and G. A. W
tees of this Society.

The following communication

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*To the Congregational Association at Wino*

BRETHREN: I am making preparatio
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Cedar Lake in this city. I am building two
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will not, I think, exceed four hundred dol

the ability and the will to devise a scheme so broad and beneficent, and we pray that he may long be spared to consummate his plans, and enjoy the blessing promised to the cheerful giver.

The Committee on Place and Preacher reported, recommending the Second Church of Minneapolis as the place and Rev. J. H. Crum, preacher, with Rev. L. W. Chaney, alternate. Report adopted.

Nominating Committee recommended the following Committee on Arrangements for next meeting, who were duly appointed: Rev. H. C. Hovey, D. D., Dea. C. E. Young and Wyman Elliott.

Association took a recess for the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

At the close of this meeting the Association listened to the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, Rev. E. M. Noyes, chairman.

Report adopted and referred to Committee on Printing.

## THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

After singing missionary hymn the Association was addressed by Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., Dist. Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., and by Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the A. M. A.

At this point Rev. E. S. Williams took charge of the services and under his lead a subscription of seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750.00) was raised for the assistance of Miss Mary C. Collins in her work among the Dakota Indians. The purpose to which this was devoted was the building of a chapel.

Rev. A. E. Dunning, Secretary Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society, followed with a brief address.

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Discussion was arrested at th
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Report accepted and referred

Committee to visit Carleton
Rev. E. C. Evans, Chairman. At t
Evans introduced the following res

*Resolved*, That from year to year we
the excellent work accomplished by Carl
heartily support the present effort to raise t
this institution, believing, as we do, that t
pressing wants, and that we can make no
with this, will promote the most vital inte
commonwealth in which we live.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery introd
tion which was adopted:

"Recognizing that one-fourth of the p
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vian Churches have no established Christia
ily recommend to the Trustees and faculty

Western Minnesota, and the best interests of Carleton College, we cordially endorse the "Western Minnesota Seminary" at Montevideo, and promise it our hearty sympathy and support, with the understanding that it shall be a preparatory school for Carleton College.

Rev. I. L. Cory presented a very encouraging report from Excelsior Academy.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, this Association has in the past urged the founding of the academies in the State as feeders to Carleton College, and as Excelsior Academy, the first to respond to this need, was started a year ago with the cordial approval of this Association,

*Resolved*, That after listening to the gratifying report of the year's work we heartily endorse this new institution, and especially commend it for the high moral influence it has exerted in leading so many of its students to a better life, and we pledge to it our earnest support.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported through Rev. E. M. Noyes, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday School Secretary reported through Rev. M. W. Montgomery. The report was re-committed.

The report of this Committee, remodeled according to the wish of the Association, by a mistake was not introduced for final action.

The following telegram was sent by order of the Association:

*To the Moderator of the Congregational Association at Huron, Dakota:*

We send you our Christian salutations and congratulations on your growing work. We commend to you our sister Winona, for whom we have raised six hundred dollars for a Dakota chapel, to be named after herself and this beautiful city. See Ephesians, 1:2.

GENERAL CONG'L ASS'N OF MINNESOTA,
M. McG. DANA, Moderator.

Dated Winona, Minnesota, Sept. 18, 1885.

A devotional service was led by Rev. E. E. Rogers.

## FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening exercises conducted by Rev. Geo. A. Hood.

the citizens of Minnesota.

It was moved and carried th
be requested to attend the dedi
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## FRIDAY—EVENIN

Devotional exercises.

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next year.

Report of the Committee on
re-committed.

Rev. Geo. A. Hood took charg

enforced by every consideration of gratitude, patriotism and humanity, and we declare our conviction that this present financial stringency in the work of our churches furnishes just the occasion to urge on every Christian the duty of systematic and self-denying benevolence.

Noting with deep regret the growing tendency to Sabbath desecration, and believing that the hallowed influences of our day of worship are being sadly encroached upon by the noise of business and the seeking of holiday pleasures, and that the desecration of the Sabbath is leading to Godlessness, and the welfare of the nation endangered thereby; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we exhort the ministry to blow the trumpet of reform; that we call upon Christians everywhere to exert their influence both by precept and example to arrest this evil; that we especially express our disapprobation of the tendency on the part of professing Christians to make the Sabbath a holiday at our summer watering places.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our hearty acknowledgment of the courtesies extended to us by the representatives of the *Winona Republican*, and the *Pioneer Press* and *Globe* of St. Paul.

*Resolved*, That this Association fully appreciates the liberal arrangements for this meeting made by the railways of the State, all of which have granted concessions for our advantage, for which we return our sincere thanks.

*Resolved*, That we return especial thanks for the very thoughtful, bountiful and charming hospitality of our Winona friends, and make grateful acknowledgment of the labors and courtesies of the various committees, who have left nothing wanting to the success of the gathering.

Rev. J. H. Crum spoke to the last resolution, and Prof. Huntington, Acting Moderator, responded on behalf of the Association, after which a motion was carried for adjournment to meet with the Second Congregational Church of Minneapolis the third Tuesday of September, 1886.

M. McG. DANA,
Moderator.

HARLAN P. ROBERTS, } Scribes.
J. F. TAINTOR, }

The General Congregational Associa
John B. Fairbank, Treasurer,

DR.

To paid on Registrars' Expenses, 1884 .
To paid C. E. Young & Co., Printing Mi
To paid Distribution of Minutes . . . .
To paid Stationery, Postage and Printing
To paid Expenses of Secretary . . . . .
To paid Interest on borrowed Money .
To paid Salary of Secretary . . . . . .
To paid Treasurer of National Council .
To paid Business Committees' Expenses .
Balance in Treasury . . . . . .

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By Balance in Treasury at last Report . .
Received from Sale of Minutes . . . . .
Received from Advertising in Minutes . .
Received from Anoka Conference . . . .
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Received from Mankato Conference . . .
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# MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

## TRUSTEES.

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| REV. E. S. WILLIAMS. | A. W. NORTON. | Term expires in 1886. |
| REV. W. A. JAMES. | W. H. LAUDERDALE. | Term expires in 1887. |
| HON. E. S. JONES. | G. A. WHEATON. | Term expires in 1888. |

## TREASURER.

REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, Minneapolis.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called "The Society for the Relief and Support of Aged and Disabled Ministers and their Families."

ART. 2. It shall be the sole object of this Society to procure, take care of, and disburse a fund for aiding the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the gospel, or *indigent ministers and their families*, who in either case have complied with the terms of Articles 10 and 11.

ART. 3. The members of the General Association of Congregational Churches in Minnesota, for any year, shall for that year, constitute the members of this Society.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of six Trustees, at least three of whom shall be clergymen, to be chosen, two each year, to serve for three years, at the annual meeting of the General Association of our churches, from its members, in the manner preferred at the time of election.

ART. 5. The Trustees shall organize immediately after their election by choosing from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and three of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called at any time and place, to transact any business which cannot be transacted by corre-

preserve on file, all its papers, to subi
Trustees for examination, and to read
our churches the records of the past yeai

ART. 9. The Treasurer, with the a
shall invest the funds of the Society and
estate security, worth at least double the :

ART. 10. The Trustees shall grant
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come for the year.

ART. 11. Any evangelical minister c
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ART. 12. The General Association of
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mitted for consideration by a majority vote

# TREASURER'S REPORT, 1885.

Balance on hand per last Report . . . . . $204 82

## RECEIPTS.

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| 1884. | | | | |
| Nov. 5, 6 and 7. | | Collected at St. Cloud . . . . . | $52.00 | |
| | | Cash . . . . . | 1.00 | |
| | 8. | Special on train for Chas. Shedd . . . . | 32.30 | |
| | 8. | Special from J. W. Claghorn . . . . . | 5.00 | |
| | 11. | E. C. Evans, $1.00; A. H. Tebbits, $1.00 . | 2.00 | |
| | 12. | Conference, Communion and Cash . . . | 10.90 | |
| | 13. | E. H. Votaw . . . . . | 1.00 | |
| | 18. | Francis Neal, Interest . . . . . | 40.00 | |
| | 27. | E. E. Rogers . . . . . | 1.00 | |
| 1885. | | | | |
| January | 11. | Thank Offering at Dedication of Pilgrim Church for C. S . . . . . | 45.00 | |
| | 17. | A. W. Norton, Special . . . . . | 5.00 | |
| February | 1. | Thank Offering at Dedication of Lyndale Church for L. W. B . . . . . | 12.00 | |
| | | Francis Neal, Interest . . . . . | 40.00 | |
| | | Interest from Hennepin County Bank . . | 11.54 | |
| | | | | $258.74 |
| | | | | $463.56 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1884. | | | | |
| November | 8. | Paid Chas. Shedd, by J. C. Stearns, Special Train Collection . . . . . | $37.30 | |
| December | 11. | Paid Mrs. L. W. B. . . . . | 50.00 | |
| 1885. | | | | |
| January | 12. | Paid Mrs. Chas. Shedd . . . . . | 45.00 | |
| | 21. | Paid Mrs. L. W. B . . . . . | 5.00 | |
| February | 2. | Paid Mrs. L. W. B . . . . . | 12.00 | |
| | | | | $149.30 |
| Balance on hand . . . . . | | | | $314.26 |

## ASSETS.

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| Francis Neal's Mortgage . . . . . | $1,000.00 |
| Cash in Hennepin County Savings Bank . . . . . | 312.26 |
| Cash in hands E. S. W . . . . . | 2.00 |
| | $1,314.26 |
| Increase of Funds during year . . . . . | $ 109.44 |

EDWIN SIDNEY WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

F. W. LAUDERDALE, Auditor.

*President*—1878–1888. . PRES. J. W
*Treasurer*—1885–1888. . . . . REV.

DIRECTO

REV. I. L. CORY . . . . . .
HON. E. S. JONES . . . . . .
REV. M. MCG. DANA, D. D. . . . .
W. H. LAIRD, ESQ. . . . . .
REV. R. G. HUTCHINS, D. D. . . . . .
REV. GEO. A. HOOD . . . . . .
C. W. HACKETT, ESQ. . . . . .

CONFERENCE COM

ANOKA—Rev. C. W. Merrill, Minn
Rev. R. A. Torrey.
CENTRAL—Rev. Jas. B. Drew, Sa
Sargent

OWATONNA—Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin; Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. Edmund Gale.

WESTERN—Rev. Albert Warren, Lake Benton; Rev. C. P. Watson, Rev. Josiah Kidder.

WINONA—Rev. J. H. Crum, Winona; Rev. N. T. Blakeslee, Rev. W. C. Rice.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Minnesota Home Missionary Society."

ART. 2. The General Congregational Association, together with all members of the American Home Missionary Society residing within the State, shall be the Society.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society in diffusing the gospel; by aiding weak congregations within the State in the support of the ministry; by organizing churches wherever they are needed; by supplying communities destitute of preaching; and by doing the work of Christianization within other States and Territories.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Superintendents, an Executive Committee of three in each local conference, and a Board of Directors.

ART. 5. The officers whose term of office and manner of election are not otherwise provided for, shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for three years.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall be chosen annually by the local conferences, and on being accepted by the American Home Missionary Society as its agency for the purpose, shall, in council and co-operation with the Superintendent, designate and recommend fields, missionaries and appropriations, both from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union; shall care for the general missionary work within their respective limits; shall hold a meeting for conference at each gathering of the local conference; shall seek to secure young men for the ministry; shall use diligence to increase the contributions of the churches and to hasten the day of self-support among the aided churches; and shall seek to secure such a system of harmonious co-operation with other denominations as shall prevent sectarian jealousy and needless expenditure. Each of the Executive Committees, or in their behalf the State Superintendent of

... shall nominate in case of vacar
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ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bo
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ing into the Society, and shall remit the
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ciety as coming directly to the treasury fro

ART. 9. The Superintendents, in co
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of the parent Society, shall give themselv
for missionaries, transmitting and endorsir
ing the beneficiary societies up to self-supp
ing the word in destitute communities and
increasing the contributions to the State so

ART. 10. The usual quarterly and ar
to the parent Society shall be made in du
superintendent of their respective districts,
the Society.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be a
of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all t
the amendment shall have been proposed a
or is recommended by the ... of ...

# MINUTES.

The Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Home Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church of Winona September 17, 1885. At 9:30 A. M. the Society was called to order by President Strong.

Prayer was offered by Rev. N. T. Blakeslee, of Wabasha.

Voted that the Scribes, the Business, Nominating and Printing Committees and the Auditor of the General Association, serve also for this Society.

Order of business, as reported by the Business Committee, adopted.

Nominating Committee recommended the election of Rev. R. G. Hutchins, Rev. G. A. Hood and C. W. Hackett, Esq., as Directors for the term expiring in 1888, and they were elected.

The resignation of Prof. Geo. Huntington, as Director, read, and resignation accepted.

On recommendation of Nominating Committee, W. H. Laird, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. J. H. Morley rendered his report as Treasurer, which was accepted and referred to the Auditor.

Rev. J. H. Morley was elected Treasurer for three years.

The report of Superintendent J. H. Morley read, accepted and referred to the Printing Committee.

At the suggestion of President Strong, Superintendent M. W. Montgomery introduced to the Society the two Swedish brethren present.

Rev. B. Johanson, of Forest City, Iowa, first spoke.

He was followed by Rev. J. S. Anderson, Minneapolis.

Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Superintendent of Scandinavian work, then addressed the Society.

Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D. D., led in prayer.

Rev. E. S. Williams spoke of a special work among Scandinavians done in Minneapolis.

The following resolution was

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Society adjourned with praye

H. P. ROBERTS, }
J. F. TAINTOR, } Scribes.

## SUPERINTENDEN

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The number of churches reported the last year was 142, of which 35 were self supporting and 107 home missionary. Seven new ones have been formed, making a total of 114 aided churches. All but two or three have been worked during the past year for a longer or shorter time, except five or six which should be dropped.

NEW CHURCHES.

New Ulm, Rev. C. Mowery; 8 members, March 10. Glenwood, Rev. C. A. Ruddock; 11 members, March. Three Lakes, James H. Kaye, student; 8 members, June 12. Barnesville, Rev. P. S. Smith; 7 members, June 18. Grand Meadow, C. R. Bruce, student; 5 members, August 3. Triumph, O. L. Robinson, student; 8 members, August 16. Graceville, Rev. J. T. Marvin; 6 members, September 17.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Lyndale Avenue Church, Minneapolis, Rev. A. Hadden, pastor, formed July 14, 1884, dedicated its house of worship free of debt in the following winter, and at the same time declared its independence of Home Missionary aid. Park Church, St. Paul, also declared its independence upon the coming of the new pastor, Rev. N. Seaver, D. D. These are all the churches which have become independent; but many have, of their own accord, reduced the amount asked for, and it only needs returning prosperity to lift a score of churches to independence.

MISSIONARIES.

The whole number of missionaries commissioned for a portion of the whole year is 59, to which should be added 15 students, making a total of 74 missionaries against 73 last year. These have preached the gospel in 96 churches and 47 out stations. The changes have been as follows:

*Left*—J. W. Hargrave, Aitkin, to St. Cloud, independent; E. P. Crane, Wadena; C. A. Conant, Wayzata; D. M. Lewis, Glencoe; T. E. Lewis, Granite Falls; E. H. Stickney, Detroit; A. Fuller, Como Avenue, Minneapolis; E. H. Votaw, Atlantic, St. Paul; D. C. Reid, East Brainerd, to Monticello, independent.

Several new men have been obtained whose names are appended: W. F. Cooley, Lehi, Utah, North Branch; D. W. Morgan, Yale Seminary, Detroit and Audubon; C. B. Fellows, Minneapolis, Wadena and Verndale; J. T. Marvin, Benson, Graceville and Campbell; D. D. Kidd, Lead City, Dakota, Tyler, Lake Stay and Etna; W. E. Archibald, Livingston, Montana, Aitkin; H. F. Tyler, Mayflower, Minneapolis, Portland Avenue and Silver Lake, Minneapolis; Geo. H. Cate, Cambridgeport, Mass., mission work, Minneapolis; W. H. Medlar, Yale Seminary, East Brainerd; H. L. Chase, Hutchinson; E. N. Ruddock, Hancock and Lake Emily; W. H. Kaufman, Yale Seminary, Osakis; W. W. Willard, Decorah, Iowa, Marietta, Rosewood and Revillo, D. T.; H. J. Colwell, Ontario, Canada, High Forest and Stewartville; G. R. Dickinson, Yale Seminary, Atlantic, St.

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Yale sent us W. C. Wheeler, who did

a permanent minister; Samuel McNeill, who did a good work at Edgerton; Frank Cross at Maine and several out stations, where he worked untiringly; Frank B. Kahler, who took the hearts of the people at Stephen, Argyle and Tamarac; E. H. Sneath, who was called to Benson, and who so captured the church that they sent a vote of thanks to the Superintendent for furnishing so good a minister.

Wabash College gave us back Empson Cory, who preached at Groveland and Lake Minnetonka, and whom we tried our best to keep a year, and Frank E. Moore, whose services at Barnesville were simply invaluable. In eight of these fields there is every reason to believe that a permanent minister will follow the student without delay, thus securing results.

NEW WORK.

Some of the more important of the new work may be mentioned. At East Minneapolis, in a large region with several thousand people, and no English Protestant Church, we have organized a mission under Rev. Geo. H. Cate, and, upon his withdrawal, under Mr. James McPherson, a young Scotch Brother attracted to Minneapolis by the opportunity to do Christian work. At Silver Lake and Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Rev. H. F. Tyler is doing excellent work. Organizations will be effected at both places this autumn. At Barnesville we have organized a church which, after a hard struggle, proves its right to live. At Graceville, by invitation of Catholics, we have begun work; shall soon organize and build, and by the election of our minister to teach in the schools, make the church independent for the present. At Dower Lake we have done pioneer work, and can organize if we have the men and money for the field. In several parts of the field of Mr. C. H. Curtis, pioneer work has been done and a man secured to garner the results.

New churches have been begun or finished at North Branch, costing $1,100.00; Barnesville, $1,100.00; Wabasha, $4,850.00; Grand Meadow, $1,000.00; Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis, $1,500.00; Silver Lake, Minneapolis, $2,000.00; Hutchinson, $2,100.00; Total, $13,650.00.

Glenwood has secured lots for a church. Como Avenue, Minneapolis, is proposing to build a church costing six thousand dollars, and has a large part of the subscription raised. Sherburne, Dawson and St. Anthony Park have secured lots. Glenwood is negotiating for a church.

Dodge Center, High Forest and Lake Benton have secured parsonages. Rose Creek and Wadena have subscriptions for parsonages nearly completed.

The year has been one of spiritual progress. Revivals have been numerous. The reports are incomplete, much of the student work being unfinished. Over three hundred additions to our home missionary churches upon confession of faith are reported, while the number of conversions exceeds four hundred. During the last few weeks fellowship meetings have been held in some localities, and we enter a new year with confident expectation of rich spiritual blessing.

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# APPENDICES.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORTS.

### ANOKA CONFERENCE.

Anoka Conference has met with a great loss during the past year. Bro. James G. Nind, who served so faithfully and so well as Registrar, has been taken away. There is neither time nor occasion here for a eulogy upon my predecessor who has been called away from his active service of the Master in the moment of his greatest usefulness. Let his life be its own eulogy. Suffice it to say, that the memory of his faithful work and loving zeal will be a constant stimulus to all his friends and fellow workers, and his timely counsel and practical wisdom be sorely missed.

Judging from the cheerful tone of the reports presented at the annual meeting of our local conference in May, the churches on the whole have had a prosperous year. Of those reports only one had a consumptive sound and that would now have a different ring. As one after another of the ministers and delegates arose on that occasion and told of God's goodness to his church, of the visitation of his spirit and the ingathering of souls, the hearts of those present became stirred within them and we were glad when some one called out after one of the most cheerful narratives, "Let's take time to sing one verse 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.'"

This, however, did not include all our thirty churches. Several were not represented at that meeting and have very

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Congregationalists. Rev. E. E. Rogers, State evangelist, was there two weeks and awakened much spiritual interest and thought. Under the leadership of Mrs. Jenkins the ladies are organized for mission work and are meeting with great success. Our annual meeting occurred in May and we were entertained by the church at Excelsior. We found them in working order with a fine choir of young people—an enthusiastic society of Christian young and an earnest and zealous love of Christ's cause. They have received forty-nine during the year, thirty-nine upon profession. A warm and deep religious spirit pervades the community. An educational enterprise that has been undertaken by this community under the especial care of the Congregational Church, and that is being pushed by Rev. I. L. Cory, pastor, deserves especial attention from this State conference. I refer to Excelsior Academy. This institution, co-operating as it does with Carleton College and aiming at Christian training preparatory to college, should be encouraged by the State. The school is under way and very prosperous. They have a large tract of land and have begun a building which is to cost about $10,000. They need help, and we commend them to the thoughtful attention of any who have the cause of Christian education at heart.

At Groveland during the summer Empson Cory, a graduate of La Fayette College, has been at work. He has gone back to his studies now, leaving Groveland unsupplied.

Rev. H. L. Chase, residing in Minneapolis, is carrying on the work in Hutchinson. There seems to be a spirit of union among the Christians of this place, evinced by the fact that they are all Methodists on one Sabbath and Congregationalists the next.

At Stillwater and Lakeland Rev. Geo. S. Ricker has put in a year of hard and effective labor. Among the apparent results not the least is a beautiful new church building at Stillwater, dedicated in January free of debt. The Minnesota Congregational Club held its January meeting with the church and assisted in the dedicatory services. Pastor and people are full of faith and the outlook is very hopeful.

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lent new building, large congregations, a deep religious interest, 45 additions upon profession, warm and earnest prayer meetings, and a spirit of aggressive enterprise. A new Sunday School in North Minneapolis supplied with Superintendent and helpers from Pilgrim Church. A very satisfactory and interesting condition is reported from Vine Church. With no special services leading up to it they suddenly found themselves in the midst of a revival; the pastor, Rev. S. V. S. Fisher, was called upon by anxious parishioners inquiring the *way*, and the church was thoroughly stirred by the outpouring of the Spirit. Pastor and people are more firmly bound together than ever before.

The Como Avenue people are taking steps to erect a $7,000 church. Starting with a $3,000 subscription from one man they feel very hopeful of raising the remainder. Rev. H. W. Gleason who has just begun labor there reports everything very encouraging.

Union Church, Rev. Geo. A. Hood, pastor, last year numbered 22; this year 49. Last year gave for outside benevolence $22.00; this year $119.00. Last year a Sunday School of 60; this year 135. The situation of this church is not such that it has been compelled to grow by growth of the community. It is in the country. The people were all there a year ago and they have been drawn in by faithful effort. A Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor is doing a great work among the young.

Rev. Geo. H. Cate has been added to the ministerial force of Minneapolis since last we met, having recently taken charge of the Mayflower Church. He comes from Boston but is full of Western push. He preaches morning and evening to the Mayflower congregation and attends the Sunday School. In the afternoon he travels four miles to a Mission Sunday School in a neglected portion of the city. The Mayflower enterprise is flourishing.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, pastor of the Open Door Church, has proven the right man in the right place. Amid some discouragements and obstacles this church has made great and permanent improvement. Membership doubled, congregations doubled and benevolences doubled.

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## CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Alexandria, with new minister, Rev. J. A. Stemen, has gone on with its good work. A few members added. Generous benevolent contributions. Good prospects for the future.

Clearwater has made some progress, with a few additions, finding self-support somewhat of a burden, with $450.00 for church repairs added this year.

Little Falls, lately discouraged by trials, receives a new pastor, Rev. M. K. Pasco, and is greatly cheered.

Monticello, having installed Rev. D. C. Reid as its pastor, is making good progress. Has joined with it the Union Church at Big Lake, which is also prosperous.

Osakis unites with West Union in the endeavor to secure and sustain a Home Missionary pastor.

Paynesville has added sixteen on profession and has made encouraging progress under the continued lead of Pastor Todd.

Sauk Center reports a steady revival interest, with full congregations and a goodly number added to the church.

Sauk Rapids has repaired house of worship $300.00 worth and now holds regular services again, being supplied temporarily by Rev. J. S. Hull.

St. Cloud has added 8 on profession, 15 by letter and reports general progress. Has dismissed Pastor Chandler, who has since entered the Episcopal ministry, and is in earnest search for a pastor.

Villard and the new church at Glenwood unite in the support of Rev. C. A. Ruddock. Both with good prospects. Villard has added 10 on profession and has completed and paid for its church building this year.

GEO. W. SARGENT, Registrar.

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## MANKATO CONFERENCE.

Only one other conference in the State has more churches

difficulties.

Center Chain. Still prosperi
J. H. Nason, pastor, at Fairmont.

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Fairmont. A living church, s
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tor at Freeborn, after being some time in a despondent state without a pastor.

New Richland. Shown to be alive by sending in its conference dues, but no report.

Salem. Feels despondent. No pastor since last June. There is an increase in membership. Church edifice has been painted. Pastor sadly needed, especially one who can preach in both Welsh and English.

Sherburne. One of Rev. J. H. Nason's charges, but during the last summer has been supplied by O. L. Robinson, a student not ordained, who returns to the seminary this month. General prosperity.

South Bend. Long without a pastor. Needs one who can preach in both English and Welsh. Sabbath school still kept up.

Sterling. Prospering under the ministry of Rev. T. R. Quayle, pastor at Mapleton. No particular report yet at hand.

Waseca. Still retains Rev. L. W. Chaney who resigned, but withdrew his resignation on request of the church. Absences from town have weakened the church numerically somewhat, but otherwise it holds its own. Total benevolent contributions considerably increased.

Worthington. Prosperous. Large addition to membership. Extensive repairs on building. Over eighty-six per cent increase in benevolent contributions. Congregations large.

H. A. BUSHNELL, Registrar.

## MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

You will understand what this Conference has passed through when I tell you that only one church has the same pastor now as two years ago, all others having made one or more changes during that time.

Reports from the churches:

At Appleton services had been suspended for some time

Granite Falls just lost its pastc
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society formed.

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Report from unorganized miss

Bro. Wheeler reports Lac Qui

ation and Sunday School and with Dawson will organize at he earliest opportunity.

Bro. Nutting reports Kerkhoven and Murdock holding heir own and a little more.

Bro. Marvin reports Campbell with Sunday School of 40 nd interested in maintaining preaching service. His latest eport from Graceville is very interesting. This Catholic com- unity sought Congregational preaching through Bro. Fair- ank last June, and now has gathered a fine congregation, ood Sunday School, and hires the pastor to teach the school, hus becoming nearly or quite self-supporting.

W. W. Willard has taken up Mr. Curtis' work in Have- ock, Rosewood, Revillo and Marietta. In general this work s very encouraging. Six conversions result from Bro. Curtis' ork, and the promising Railroad towns of Marietta and Re- illo, in Dakota, give Mr. Willard a hearty welcome. This onference has twelve unorganized missions.

Looking over the year we have much reason to thank od, take courage and *go forward.*

R. P. HERRICK, Registrar.

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## NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSOCIATION.

Of fourteen pastors reported last year, six only remain in he same fields. The rest have fled. As a consequence many f our churches have been left without special care during a art of the year. I report first from these pastorless churches.

Aitkin, Audubon, Bluffton, Breckenridge, Lake Park, Mu- eoda, Park Rapids, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Scambler, St. )laf, either report "no pastor," or making no report at all are nown to be pastorless.

The seven non-reporting churches it is fair to infer have ot much in the way of progress to report. From information athered from other sources I am able to give account of two f them.

St. Olaf has been swallowed bodily by the Methodists.

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Next to the pastorless church

One new church has been organized at Barnesville. Here too in part the work has been done by a student. There is no place in the conference where faithful, self-denying work would be better repaid. But living is high—life there is full of discomfort, the people are wicked, the church is poor, and the Home Missionary Society must bear the larger part of the burden.

Detroit and Lake View, Verndale and Wadena, and East Brainerd, without preaching during the summer, are now rejoicing in pastors fresh from the Seminary. The short interregnum will not materially hinder the work. Ada, Brainerd, First Church, Crookston, Duluth, Fergus Falls and Hawley are still ministered to by the pastors of last year.

Ada hopes soon to build. Has added five to its membership during the year. Brainerd, groaning a little under financial burdens, reports prayer meetings of increasing spiritual power, which give promise of a near harvest. Its membership has increased by twenty-six during the year.

Duluth has been blessed. Thirty have united with the church, twenty-three on profession. Over $220 have been given for benevolence. It has also reduced the church debt by $250—the work of the young ladies.

Fergus Falls mourns the loss of a half dozen of its best members, and of others not so good. In other respects it has passed through troubleous times, but still looks for brighter days.

Glyndon made a flying switch in its pastorate, taking on a new pastor without a break in the services, and losing nothing of its well known Christian zeal or missionary spirit.

Taken altogether the churches of the Northern Pacific Association have doubtless shared in the straitness of the times as fully as any others. In spiritual things there are many encouragements in spite of the exodus of pastors. The total number of additions reported is 127. On confession, 84; by letter, 43. Of these, more than half belong to three churches, Duluth and First and Second Churches at Brainerd. Total benevolence for the Association, $760.37; Glyndon leading with $242.93, Duluth closely following with $221.99.

A. WARREN, Registrar.

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Mantorville. Without a pastor for years; all the services of the church kept up. Two services on the Sabbath, and Sunday school. They need a pastor.

Medford. Wm. S. Sutherland, pastor, has received some accessions at each communion season, mostly young people. Some increase in Sabbath school attendance. A year of quiet prosperity.

Morristown. Rev. W. J. Parmelee, pastor. The church membership was doubled in October, under the labors of Rev. Rogers. In April Rev. W. J. Parmelee entered upon the pastorate. Fifty dollars has been paid upon the debt of the church. More raised on the salary than ever before, and repairs made on the church and parsonage.

Northfield. Rev. E. M. Williams, pastor. No detailed report. Prosperous year. Quite a number of accessions. Several dropped. No absent members.

Owatonna. Rev. J. N. Brown, pastor, has had a prosperous year, spiritually. All departments of work well sustained. Twenty-two additions, seventeen on profession. Net gain of sixteen. Extra meetings were held in the spring, Rev. W. L. Chaney assisting the pastor. Among those joining the church were one Englishman, one Norwegian, and four Bohemians. One lady over eighty years of age united upon profession. She was converted last winter.

Rose Creek. Has been enjoying the labors of the students from New Haven. The people seem to be interested. An effort is being made to secure a parsonage. A settled pastor needed.

Spring Valley. Rev. W. L. Lyman, pastor, had a prosperous year. Rev. Rogers assisted the pastor in special meetings in the winter, results good. Ten received to membership upon confession. Several also by letter. During the summer the pastor has conducted a series of scripture studies upon the books and characters of the bible, converting the congregation into a class and assigning parts to individuals. Results have been gratifying.

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Sleepy Eye. Rev. C. P. Watson. Has suffered somewhat by the organization of a Baptist church, still is full of hope, and rejoices in the continued labors of Bro. W. Sunday school large and promising. Attendance on prayer meetings good.

Springfield. Rev. J. Kidder. Doing a good work, though no additions to the church. The fruit is to come yet.

Tracy. A name.

Tyler. Under the labors of Rev. H. M. Herrick, student. The church much quickened. Several backsliders brought into the church, and a few conversions. Rev. D. D. Kidd began labors Sept. 13.

Walnut Grove. Glad to have services of Edwin Smith, student, this summer.

Three Lakes. Organized June 12. For a while under the pastoral care of Rev. J. R. Kaye, student, but recently Rev. J. Kidder has looked after it.

## WINONA CONFERENCE.

Spiritually it has been a harvest year with the churches of the Conference. This fact is inferred from the number of accessions on profession of faith, as compared with last year. With the exception of Winona, which had a general revival last year, and an accession of sixty-six on profession, a healthy interest continuing this year with a gain of sixteen, the churches report an aggregate of seventy-six against twenty-two last year. For instance, the accessions on profession from Cannon Falls are two, last year none; High Forest six, last year none; Lake City seventeen, last year none; Mazeppa six, last year three; Plainview seven, last year four; Rochester eleven; last year six; Rushford twelve, last year two; St. Charles six, last year none; Wabasha two, last year none; Zumbrota seven, last year none. The seasons of marked interest were at High Forest, Mazeppa, Plainview, Rochester, Rushford, St. Charles, and Zumbrota.

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21st, 1802. He died at Zumbrota, May 5th, 1885. His academical and collegiate education was at Hanover, N. H., where he graduated in 1826. He was connected with Kimball Union Academy until September, 1834, when he removed to New Ipswich, N. H., taking charge of the academy there until his removal to Campton, where he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, which position he retained for fifteen years. In 1857 he removed to Minnesota, continuing in missionary service for more than fifteen years at Zumbrota, Mantorville, Wasioja and Claremont. He was a grand old Puritan, a ripe scholar, a devoted preacher of the gospel, a mature counselor of the churches, and a venerable figure in our Conference in his later years. We send our fraternal and affectionate remembrance to the aged partner who survives him. We believe the text from which our father's funeral sermon was preached, "After he had served his own generation by the will of God, he fell on sleep."

# SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee believe that in nothing has the church of our day departed further from the gospel ideal than in the spirit and methods of her benevolent contributions. Much, in the aggregate, is indeed given, but given often so spasmodically, and from such unworthy motives, that we lose the legitimate satisfaction of right giving, and the smiles of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It has been a point of weakness with our denomination (which has nevertheless probably given more, per member, to benevolent objects than any other in the country) that we have had no settled and generally approved *method* in our benevolences. No

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II. It is implied that an appropriation for religious and benevolent purposes should be made *under the influence of the tenderest and most inspiring motives*—"*upon the first day of the week.*" How hallowed the associations of the day designated for this duty. Under the mighty motive of gratitude to God, our heavenly Father, and under a realizing sense of the great needs of the great world, should our benevolent appropriations be made.

III. It is implied that such appropriations should be made *periodically, frequently, punctually.* In the case of the Corinthian church they were to be made weekly.

IV. It is implied that *the appropriation should always bear some definite proportion to one's income*—"*As God hath prospered him.*"

We do not infer from the system of Jewish tithes that every Christian should devote *exactly one-tenth* of his income to the purposes of religion. Some ought not, perhaps, in justice, to give one-tenth; others ought, in gratitude, to give nine-tenths. But we do believe that the motives for generous and systematic giving are greatly multiplied and strengthened under the Christian dispensation. Our blessings and privileges are vastly greater than were those of the Hebrews. "Freely ye have received, freely give." The New Testament puts profound emphasis upon the doctrines of Christian stewardship and self-denial. God entrusted to the Jewish church a little country about the size of Wales (less than one hundred and forty miles in length, and barely forty in average breadth); but to the Christian church He has entrusted the whole world; and inasmuch as the fallen world is greater than the Holy Land, insomuch are God's demands upon our means enlarged.

V. It is implied that *the appropriation should be universal in the church.* "*Let every one of you,*" the *poorest* as well as the *richest*, "lay by him in store." Who is there who could not appropriate to the Lord's use "two mites which make a farthing?"

VI. It is implied that the money thus appropriated for benevolent purposes *should be kept in a sacred treasury, ready*

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The practical details of this general plan may be somewhat varied, but we would make the following suggestions concerning its application to an individual church:

1. Let systematic and proportionate giving be made the topic of a sermon and the subject of conversation at a mid-week meeting.

2. Let the pastor call together the officers of the church and secure from them, if possible, their endorsement of the Apostolic method, and of such a scheme of working details as may be submitted.

3. After the adoption of the plan by vote of the church, let it be introduced by a circular letter, printed, and sent to every member of the congregation, old and young, setting forth the objections to the old plan or plans for benevolent offerings, and stating the principles underlying the Apostolic injunction, and adding an enumeration of the advantages to be expected from adopting the scriptural method.

If possible let this letter be signed not only by the pastor but by the other officers of the church.

4. Let the circular letter be accompanied by a printed card, one side of which shall bear the following form:

BENEVOLENT OFFERINGS OF THE———CHURCH:

DIRECTIONS.

$ .01. Please mark with an X in the column on the left the sum you are
.02. willing to pledge as a *weekly offering* to the Lord for the year 188 .
.03. Write your *name and address* at the bottom of this card and de-
.05. posit the same in the contibution box on the following Sabbath.
.10. A package of small envelopes will then be furnished you (one
.15. for each week). Each Lord's day enclose the amount of your
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6. Let a competent person be put in charge of the accounts who shall by a courteous printed note remind delinquents of their duty.

For the sake of securing the prompt, convenient and economical application of the plan herein suggested, your committee recommend that a committee be appointed at this meeting of the Association, to prepare and have printed such a circular letter as has been described, together with cards and envelopes in numbers sufficient to meet the demands of our churches, and that the same be deposited with the Superintendent of our Home Missionary Society, to be forwarded to the churches at their request, at actual cost.

ROBT. G. HUTCHINS,
JOSIAH KIDDER,
R. S. CROSS,
H. A. BUSHNELL,
Committee.

# CARLETON COLLEGE.

## PRESIDENT STRONG'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Carleton College is making steady progress towards its high ideal. There is constant growth and increasing fruitage. More and more clearly is shown the wisdom of building upon broad and distinctly religious foundations, while yet firmly maintaining a high standard of scholarship.

The last academic year was one of material prosperity and of spiritual blessing. Good order, with trifling exceptions, constantly prevailed. The relations between teachers and pupils were, even to an unusual degree, harmonious, and the desire of the older students to be in every way helpful to the administration of affairs, was very cordially expressed. The religious work among the students, both in its methods and in

weekly bible lesson, or lecture given department every Tuesday morning good to all. The subject of bible st the "Life of Christ as contained in third in the four years' course. The ies in this direction have met with un ly piety has nothing in it repulsive t frank and vigorous presentation of t subjects of every ones' thoughts, bi lus, and, with the divine blessing, a to the student."

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Our college was founded upon

atmosphere, warm and stimulating, yet free from cant, and free from narrow sectarianism; and we gratefully record the fact that God has signally blessed our efforts. There is no occasion for any change in our aim. Such institutions are needed. They are *vitally* necessary. They are doing work which God requires should be done, and surely they will not fail of His blessing. His law abides, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." * * *

The work committed to us belongs not alone to those connected with the college. Do not forget friends that it is your work as well as ours. How can we do most for the college, and so for the advancement of a thoroughly Christian education? Let me suggest:

1st. We must deserve success and expect it. We must not lower our standard either of educational work or of religious life and influence. * *

2nd. We should seek to connect with ourselves, any who can and will work for the same object, in a broad and unsectarian spirit. * * * As you well know, our college, though founded by Congregationalists, was designed to extend Christ's kingdom, rather than promote the interests of any denomination. Congregationalism puts Christ before church. In God's providence, thousands from a foreign land are now coming to our State. Earnest and evangelical Christians, building upon the New Testament platform, who, without bearing our name, are in cordial sympathy with our work. These Scandinavians constitute a very important element of our population. They are now discussing the college question, and it is believed, that without lowering our standard, or sacrificing any interests, we may secure their co-operation in our efforts to promote higher education upon a religious basis.

3rd. We need to encourage in every possible way, the founding of Christian academies, which shall become feeders to our college. The establishment of Excelsior Academy was a move in the right direction. The pastors at Montevideo and Sauk Center have been urging the importance of holding those regions by similar educational enterprises. Other communities will soon be stirred, and they should have our counsel and co-operation. * * *

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Lastly, I refer to our financial affairs. The great burden lies here. The stringency of the times has prevented this year the canvass for funds proposed last fall. * * * * Still there have been financial gains, but principally through legacies received. As you well know, in April, 1884, we entered upon a canvass for $200,000.00, which our Board felt must be secured, and toward which they pledged nearly $50,000.00. We were stimulated to this great undertaking by a large conditional offer at the east, which, I regret to report, has since been withdrawn—not, however, because of any failure on our part. * * * * We are thrown back upon ourselves, and the question is, Shall we abandon the effort, losing all the conditional pledges given, or shall we go resolutely forward, stimulated rather than discouraged by the difficulties in the way, determined to win success, a success all the nobler because of the unexpected sacrifices required? To me the answer seems perfectly plain. We must not take *one step* backward. The work is not ours alone, it is the Lord's. He has set upon our college His seal of approval. Success will cost hard labor and many sacrifices, but the results are not doubtful, and they will abundantly repay all our efforts. Whatsoever is worth the having, *costs*. Self-denial is a law of Christian life and labor, a law of God's own ordaining. He who shrinks from it loses a rich blessing. Let us count it a privilege to make sacrifices for such a grand object. Let us appreciate the honor which God bestows, in permitting us, here in our great State, to lay, broad and deep, foundations upon which those who come after us may build a structure more perfect than any we may realize. In the end, they and we shall all rejoice together, and to God shall be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. STRONG,
President Carleton College.

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towns the school boards have a hard struggle to put up buildings fast enough to accommodate the scholars, and yet our Sunday schools show only the beggarly increase of 2,227 in two years. Something is evidently wrong here, and we are driven to one of two conclusions. Either we graduate out of our schools every year, an amazing number of boys and girls who ought not to be old enough for the school to lose its interest and value for them, or we are lamentably unequal to our opportunities in winning to our ranks the vast number of children in our midst, who are outside of all Sabbath school influences. And the first and most urgent recommendation of your committee, is this: Let each pastor and superintendent find out for himself what is the possibility for growth for his Sunday school, and then with all earnest prayer and purpose, enter that open door of opportunity. Compare the number of children of school age in your town, as shown by the report of the Board of Education, with the number enrolled in all the Sabbath schools, and you will speedily be convinced that there is no scant field for labor. Even in the "Godly State of Connecticut," out of 150,000 children of school age, 64,000 are not in the Sunday school. And Minnesota shows even a worse ratio. Not more than half the children in our State are in the Christian Sunday schools! Surely we are faithless to our work if we do not do our best to change that ratio.

2. But what have been the results of the year's work? Eighty-three schools report 405 additions to the churches from the Sunday schools, and there is little question that the figures for all the schools would show over 700 additions to the churches. This is one to every two classes. It is a remarkable ratio, and we have great reason for earnest thanksgiving to the Lord of the harvest. But is it not also a great incentive to more earnest labor? With all the favorable conditions for our work, ought not our Sunday schools to show a fruitage of at least one new soldier for the Lord from every class? One jewel won by every teacher?

3. The committee gladly note that more of the schools are using our own excellent series of lesson helps. At least sixty-five per cent of our schools now use the Pilgrim series, and all who use them are more than satisfied.

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# MINNESOTA

# Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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SEC. 5. The duties of the officers
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## BY-LAWS.

1. All undesignated money shall be given to the American Home Missionary Society.

2. The Treasurer's books shall he closed two weeks before the annual meeting.

# MINUTES.

The Sixth Annual meeting of the Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the audience room of the Congregational church of Winona, Thursday P. M., Sept. 17th, 1885, at 2:30.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Mowery, of New Ulm, a brief address was given by the President, Mrs. E. S. Williams.

Treasurer's report, by Mrs. J. N. Cross, followed.

Miss Selma Johnson, of Minneapolis, gave a few incidents in her work as city missionary.

Paper by Mrs. J. L. Scudder on "Methods of Training Children in Giving."

Rev. R. P. Herrick, of Montevideo, gave a stirring report of progress in his field.

Mrs. H. L. Chase urged the enlistment of every woman for Home Missionaries.

Mrs. J. L. Noyes, of Faribault, told from experience "How to interest a Sunday School Class in Missions."

Miss Anstice Abbot, of Minneapolis, explained the power of "Individual Effort."

Mrs. Barnes, of Marietta, Ohio, a veteran Home Missionary, proved that the work pays.

Singing.

Miss Mary Collins, of the American Missionary Association, spoke on her work among the Dakota Indians. $757 was raised as a result of her statements.

The society then adjourned to the parlors for a business meeting.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS.

AITKIN, $4.66; ALEXANDRIA, $25; AUSTIN, $55; BROWNTON, $3; CLAREMONT, $2.58; CLEARWATER, $21.48; COTTAGE GROVE, $11.50; DULUTH—PILGRIM, $23; ELK RIVER, $11; EXCELSIOR, $22.80; FARIBAULT, $100; FAIRMOUNT, $13.50; FERGUS FALLS, $5.75; FREEBORN, $12; GLENCOE, $8.50; GLYNDON, $30; GROVELAND, $6.75; HAMILTON, $11; HUTCHINSON, $7.50; LAKE CITY, $43.40; JANESVILLE, $17; MANKATO, $27.77; MANTORVILLE, $2.23; MAPLETON, $3.50; MAZEPPA, $9.65; MEDFORD, $2.67; MINNEAPOLIS—FIRST, $100; Earnest Workers, $25, total $125; SECOND CH., $56.21; PLYMOUTH CH., $733.69; S. S., $80, total $813.69; PILGRIM CH., $24.55; Gleaners, $9, total $45.48; VINE CH., $15; Mission Band, $4.09, total $19.09; UNION CH., $13.64; LYNDALE, $5; MONTICELLO, $15; NEW RICHLAND, $4; NORTHFIELD, $120; ORTONVILLE, $5; OWATONNA, $17.53; PAYNESVILLE, $5; ROCHESTER, Y. Ladies' M. S., $50; SAUK CENTER, $20; RUSHFORD, 12; SPRING VALLEY, $3.75; STILLWATER, $4; ST. CLOUD, $15; Young Ladies, $10.18, total $25; ST. PAUL—ATLANTIC, $25; Young Ladies, $25, total $50; PACIFIC, $15.55; PLYMOUTH, $157.14; Mrs. Sanborn, $10, total $167.14; TYLER, $2.10; S. S., $1.07, total $3.17; VILLARD, $4.50; WABASHA, $9.26; WASECA, $34.21; WINONA, $100; WORTHINGTON, $6.50; Mrs. C. S. Hulburt, MINNEAPOLIS, $5; A Lady, ST. PAUL, $150; Mrs Williams, New York, $5. I have also received from different Woman's Societies of the Churches, $347.21 for the A. M. A.; $327.18 for N. W. E C.; $68.64 for A. C. U.

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By recommendation of the President, the following By-Law was passed:

"The Treasurer's books shall be closed two weeks before the Annual Meeting."

Secretary Dunning appealed for sympathy in the work of the Congregational Sunday School, and Publishing Society, but the meeting was too burdened with work to consider any new item.

Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Chase. Seventy churches reported. Thirteen auxiliaries formed during the year. Thirteen are including the work of the co-operative societies.

The following resolution was adopted:

We, as a Society, desire to express our love and appreciation of our beloved sister and efficient co-worker, Mrs. E. H. Votaw, together with our deep regret at her removal from the State.

Mrs. E. M. Williams called attention to the helpfulness of the printed minutes of the Association.

Mrs. Plant, Chairman, reported names of Board of Officers, for the Nominating Committee.

Report adopted.

Adjourned.

MRS. E. S. WILLIAMS, President.

MRS. HENRY L. CHASE, Secretary.

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*President.*—Miss Margaret J.
*Vice-President.*—Mrs. Edmu
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Henry Plar
Minneapolis.
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. E. M. Willi
*Auditor.*—Mrs. J. L. Noyes, 1

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Mrs. Albert Williston, Mrs. J. C.
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WINONA.—Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Vice-President, Winona; Mrs. W. L. Lincoln, Mrs. H. O. Durkee.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known as the MINNESOTA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE INTERIOR. Its object shall be to engage the earnest and sympathetic co-operation of Christian women in the formation and support of auxiliaries, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit in all our churches.

ART. 2. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same time and place as the General Association of Congregational Churches of the State, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. All ladies who are members of any auxiliary society in the State, or life members of the W. B. M. I., are members of the State society. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to two delegates at the annual meeting; if numbering over fifty, to three, and one for each additional fifty. Only delegates shall be entitled to vote.

ART. 4. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, and a Vice-President for each local conference. The first four named officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business the Society may refer to them.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to have a general oversight of the interests of the Branch; to preside at all its meetings, and, with the aid of the Secretary, to make suitable arrangements for the annual meeting. In the absence of the President, these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to aid the auxiliaries, by correspondence and personal efforts; to aid the President in making arrangements for the annual meeting; to present an annual report, and inform any officer not present at the meeting of her appointments for the coming year.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received by her from the auxiliaries; to forward the same to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. I., and to make an annual report to the Society; which shall be accompanied by the Auditor's certificate.

ART. 8. With the Vice-President of each local conference shall be associated two other ladies, thus constituting a Conference Committee of three. The Vice-President shall apportion the churches of the Conference among the members of the committee, giving to each a specified number

the Executive Committee.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be a
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The Eighth Annual Meeting
the W. B. M. I. was called to orde
J. Evans, in the parlors of the Co
nona, September 18, 1885, at 10 A.

Singing. Reading Scripture,
ident. Prayer by Mrs. E. Gale.

Minutes read and approved.

Committees on Nomination;
on State Expenses, were appointe

The report for the year was
Henry Plant.

The Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. W.

An informal discussion on "Methods of Work" and the "Value of Mission Studies" followed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, and the officers, as noted above, elected.

The Committee on State Expenses recommended that the necessary State expenses—such as postage, printing, traveling expenses of a missionary to speak at the Annual Meeting, etc., be deducted from the general fund.

Fifteen minutes were spent in a prayer and consecration service.

Adjourned to meet after the public meeting, to hear the report of the committee on separate meeting.

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## PUBLIC MEETING.

At 3 P. M. Miss Evans, President of Minnesota Branch, took the chair and the Association joined in singing "Jesus Shall Reign."

Prayer by Mrs. J. L. Scudder of Minneapolis.

Statement, by the President, of the work of Minnesota Branch; its relation to the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior; and the relation of the Woman's Boards to the A. B. C. F. M.

A brief summary of the Secretary's Report was given by Mrs. Plant.

(To save the time of reading the Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Williams had, at her own expense, had it printed and distributed through the house.)

The Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Williams, stated that the amount received was $3,479.25,—$700.00 less than last year, and urged larger gifts from those able to give.

Mrs. E. Gale, of Faribault, gave a paper on "The Relation of Missionary Societies to the Church and Pastor."

The need of missionary work was presented by Miss Em-

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had been appointed to consider t
meeting. Mrs. Wilson, of Winona,
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MRS. HENRY PLANT, Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPOR

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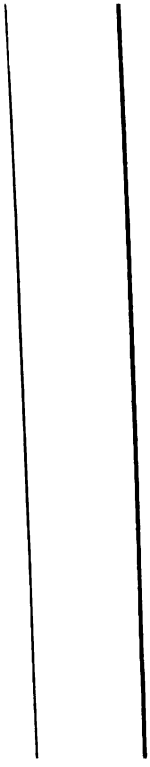
$15, Missionary Band, for M. Star Mission, $5.68, total $20.68; EXCELSIOR, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, $19.81, Y. L. Missionary Society for the Bridge, $20, total $39.81; FAIRMONT, Aux., $3.50, Sunday School, for M. Star Mission, $11.75, total $15.25; FARIBAULT, Aux., for Harpoot Scholarship, $30, for General Fund, $35, Helping Hands, for the Bridge, $30, total $95; FERGUS FALLS, $10; GLYNDON, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, $55.50, Gleaners, for the Bridge, $10, Young Lady, for the Bridge, $2.47, total $67.97; HAMILTON, for Miss Brown, $11; HANCOCK, Sunday School Missionary Society, for M. Star Mission, $5; LAKE CITY, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, $24, Sunday School, for M. Star Mission, $21.15, total $45.15; LITCHFIELD, $6.35, Friends, for M. Star Mission, $1.45, Pres. Sunday School, $3, total $10.80; LITTLE FALLS, $3 05; MANKATO, $14.88; MANTORVILLE, $2.66; MAZEPPA, for Miss Cathcart, $11; MEDFORD, Aux., and Willing Workers, $13.77, Mrs. Abbott's Sunday School Class, for Miss Searles' use, $5, total $18.77; MINNEAPOLIS—FIRST, Aux., for Miss Barrows, $118, Y. L. Society, for the Bridge, $50.63, Y. L. Society, for 3 shares in Japan Home, $30, Earnest Workers, for the Bridge, $30, Sunday School, for M. Star Mission, $59.75, Mrs. Hastings, for Miss Diament, $12, Mrs. Horr, $5.50, Mrs. Pratt, $11, Mrs. Wheaton, $5.50, total $22, for Bible Woman, villages in summer, Mrs. Kittredge, for Miss Pierson's traveling expenses, $22, Mrs. McMillan, for Miss Haven's health tour, $25, total $369.38; MAYFLOWER, $10.66; PILGRIM, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, $36.48, Gleaners, for M. Star Mission, $9, total $45.48; PLYMOUTH, Aux., for Miss Barrows, $499.72, Thank Offering, $52.04, General Fund, $106.76, Y. L. Society, for the Bridge, $93.75, Y. P. Society, for M. Star Mission, $20, Scandinavian Missionary Society, for Miss Barrows, $32.28, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Woods, for Bible Woman at Shar, $17.60, for General Fund, $1.20, Mrs. Bovey, for African quilt, $15, Miss Hale, for the Bridge, $20, Mrs. Taylor, General Fund, $1, A friend, by Mrs. Hutchins, $10, total $869.35; SECOND, $32.82; UNION, $13 63; VINE, Aux., $10, Sunday School, for M. Star Mission, $2, total $12, total from Minneapolis, $1,353.32; NEW RICHMOND, $2; NORTHFIELD, Aux., for Miss Brown, $298.25, Carleton College, Aux., for Miss Brown, $131.18, Sunday School, for Miss Brown, $60, Sunday School, for M. Star Mission, $40, Willing Workers, for M. Star Mission, 11.35, Mrs. W., for Miss Evans, house repairs, $65, total $605.78; ORTONVILLE, $5; OWATONNA, Aux., for Miss Cathcart, $87.75, Merry Hearts, for the Bridge, $25, for M. Star Mission, $27, Sunday School, Easter Offering, for M. Star Mission, $7.75, total $147.50; PLAINVIEW, Aux., $14, Busy Bees, for M. Star Mission, $3, total $17; ROCHESTER, $30; RUSHFORD, $9; ST. CHARLES, for Miss Brown, $20.75, Thank Offering, $4.25, total $25; ST. CLOUD, Aux., $11; ST. PAUL—ATLANTIC, Aux., $10, Y. L. M. Society, for the Bridge, $25, total $35; PARK, Aux., rents for Misses Barrows and Dudley, $30, repairs Bridgman School, $25, total $55; PLYMOUTH, Aux., for teacher at Samakov, $134.27, Y. L. Society, for the Bridge, $50, for Miss Cathcart, $10, for Library in N. China, $5, total from Y. L. Society, $65, Mrs. Fanning's Sunday School Class, for M. Star Mission, $7.24, total $206.51; "C. G.," $50; "D.," $30, Evelyn Y. Stone, for M.



# TABLES.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The tables which follow comprise:

1 and 2. The Church Statistics and Statistics of Beneficence and Finance, placed on parallel pages, with the churches arranged alphabetically.

3. The Conferences, with a variety of Conference and Church items.

4. The Ministerial Record, including the names of all the Congregational ministers of the State.

The statistics are all for the year ending August 10, 1885; except that the ministerial supply of the churches, and the post office address of the ministers, are corrected up to the time of going to press.

In the table of Church Statistics, installed pastors are designated by the abbreviation "Ins." placed after the name.

In this table a star (*) placed in front of the line of statistics, indicates "No report from the church" and that the figures of last year are inserted.

In the table of Beneficence and Finance, a dagger (†) indicates "No report from the church," and that the items noted were gathered by the Secretary from other sources, being therefore ordinarily incomplete.

The post office address of a church when not the same as the name of the place where the church is located, is given in parenthesis, after the name of the church.

# CHURCH STATISTICS

EAR ENDING AUGUST 10, 1885. MINISTERIAL SUPPLY CORRECTED TO SEP

| | ORGANIZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CH. MEMBERS. | | | | ADDED. | | R |
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| | Year. | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Date of Ordination. | Began with this Church. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. |
| | 1882 | 9 | 10 | John A. Wells | 1852 | 1882 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | |
| | 1858 | 6 | 24 | | | | | 8 | 10 | 3 | | | | |
| | 1883 | 8 | 1 | Wm. E. Archibald | 1882 | 1885 | 4 | 11 | 15 | | | 8 | 8 | |
| | 1867 | 12 | 14 | | | | 32 | 37 | 69 | 6 | 5 | | 5 | |
| | 1855 | 5 | 6 | Thomas J. Reid | | 1885 * | 29 | 54 | 83 | 13 | | | | |
| | 1879 | 10 | 16 | Edw. F. Wheeler | Lic. | 1881 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 2 | | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| | 1878 | 2 | 6 | | | | 5 | 13 | 18 | 3 | | | | |
| | 1872 | 10 | 10 | | | | 7 | 11 | 18 | 4 | | | | 1 |
| | 1857 | | 6 | Cassius E. Wright | Lic. | 1874 | 65 | 113 | 178 | 8 | 2 | | 4 | 1 |
| | | | | Wm. H. Kaufman | Lic. | 1885 | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | |

# BENEFICENCE AND FINANCES

REPORTED FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 10, 1885.

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. U. | Col. and Education Soc. | Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc. | New W. Ed. Com. | Other Benef. | S. S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | House of Worship, etc. | House of Worship erected. | Parsonage. | Amount of Funds. | Indebtedness. | Salary. |
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| Ada | | 20 00 | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 45 00 | | | | | | 600 |
| Afton | | 6 00 | | 6 00 | | | | | | 12 00 | 140 00 | 1,500 | 1867 | | | | |
| Aitkin | | 14 81 | | | | | | | 5 86 | 20 67 | 700 00 | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 36 00 | 18 19 | 27 61 | 6 87 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 6 09 | | 23 83 | 128 09 | 1,340 00 | 1,600 | 1875 | 1,500 | | | 1,100 |
| Anoka† | 10 00 | 20 00 | | | | | | | | 30 00 | | | | | | | |
| Appleton | | 4 00 | | 80 | | | | | | 4 80 | 235 20 | 150 | 1880 | | | | 600 |
| Audubon | 3 09 | 10 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | 6 76 | 24 85 | 162 74 | 600 | 1873 | | | | 150 |
| Austin | 159 37 | 130 67 | 47 17 | 17 68 | | | | | 67 98 | 422 87 | 1,600 00 | 7,000 | 1868 | | | | 1,300 |
| Barnesville | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,875 | 1885 | 35 | | | |
| Belgrade† | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | | | | | | |
| Benson | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 13 00 | 18 00 | 406 00 | 2,000 | 1883 | | | | 800 |
| Brainerd—First | | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 20 00 | 1,200 00 | 10,000 | 1882 | | | 5,000 | 1,200 |
| Brainerd—Second | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | 100 00 | 1,000 | 1883 | | | 100 | 800 |
| Breckenridge | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,600 | 1881 | | | 300 | |
| Brownton | 2 00 | 20 73 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 27 73 | | | | | | | |
| Cannon Falls | 25 00 | 10 00 | | 10 00 | | | | | | 45 00 | 1,028 80 | 2,500 | 1866 | 1,500 | | 365 | 650 |
| Center Chain | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | 100 00 | | | | | | |
| Claremont | | 18 91 | | 2 00 | | | | | 2 00 | 22 91 | 285 00 | 2,000 | 1879 | | | | 375 |
| Clearwater | 23 50 | 18 20 | 4 00 | 1 25 | | | 1 45 | 40 00 | 22 40 | 110 80 | 1,092 00 | | | 700 | | 185 | 800 |
| Cottage Grove† | 26 97 | 11 60 | 33 45 | | | | | | | 72 02 | | | | | | | |
| Crookston | | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | 1,250 00 | 7,500 | 1883 | 2,500 | | | 1,200 |
| Custer | | 5 00 | | 2 00 | | | | 40 00 | | 47 00 | 275 00 | 600 | 1874 | | | | 150 |
| Dassel | 4 14 | 46 | | | | | | | | 4 60 | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | | 1 12 | 2 11 | | | | | 7 50 | 1 75 | 12 28 | 218 34 | 1,200 | 1873 | | | | 280 |
| Dexter | | 2 91 | | | | | | | | 2 91 | 75 00 | 1,000 | 1877 | | | | |
| Dodge Center | 4 50 | 30 91 | | 4 54 | | 4 00 | | | 6 00 | 39 95 | 332 57 | 2,500 | 1878 | 750 | | 250 | 750 |
| Douglass | 13 85 | | | | | | | | | 13 85 | | | | | | | |
| Duluth—Pilgrim | 70 99 | 46 91 | | | | 4 15 | | 75 00 | 25 00 | 221 09 | 2,258 95 | 7,000 | 1871 | 2,800 | | 2,250 | 1,000 |
| Eden | | | | | | | | | | | | 500 | 1882 | | | | |

| | Organized. | | | MINISTERS. | | | Ch. Members. | | | | Added. | | | Ri | |
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| | Year. | Month. | Day. | Name. | Date of Ordination. | Began with this Church | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | |
| | 1880 | 5 | 12 | | | | * 10 | 11 | 21 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | 1875 | 2 | 7 | William M. Jenkins | 1865 | 1878 | 48 | 91 | 139 | 11 | 60 | 3 | 63 | .. | |
| | 1883 | 8 | 30 | D. D. Kidd | .... | 1885 | 5 | 5 | 10 | .... | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | 1881 | 6 | 16 | | .... | .... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | |
| | 1853 | 7 | 17 | Isaac L. Cory | 1879 | 1883 | 61 | 102 | 163 | 9 | 39 | 10 | 49 | 2 | |
| | 1856 | 7 | 8 | Edmund Gale | 1856 | 1881 | 90 | 190 | 280 | 60 | 35 | 24 | 59 | 3 | |
| | 1868 | 5 | 23 | John H. Nason | 1862 | 1882 | 28 | 46 | 74 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 8 | .. | |
| | 1872 | 3 | 3 | Jesse F. Taintor | 1878 | 1884 | 16 | 39 | 55 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 9 | .. | |
| | 1873 | 11 | 2 | Wilbur Fisk.....Ins. | 1876 | 1875 | 20 | 21 | 41 | 5 | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | |
| | 1878 | 11 | 12 | Wilbur Fisk | 1876 | 1885 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | 1857 | 9 | 14 | | .... | .... | 14 | 32 | 46 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | |
| | ~~1875~~ | 9 | 20 | Chas. A. Ruddock | 1861 | 1885 | 4 | 8 | 12 | .... | 2 | 10 | 12 | .. | |
| | 1872 | 8 | 16 | C. Willard Bird | 1880 | 1885 | 17 | 27 | 44 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | .. | |
| | 1878 | 4 | 11 | | .... | .... | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | .. | 7 | 7 | .. | |
| | 1872 | 12 | 4 | | .... | .... | 15 | 28 | 43 | 6 | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | |
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| Edgerton † | 6 00 | | | | | | | | | 6 00 | | | | | | | |
| Elk River—Union | 23 25 | 38 13 | 16 78 | | | | | 25 00 | 24 00 | 127 16 | 1,128 05 | 5,000 | 1881 | | | | 900 |
| Etna | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | 10 00 | | | | | | |
| Evansville | | | 17 50 | | | | | | | 17 50 | | | | | | | |
| Excelsior | 71 83 | 48 67 | 31 75 | 15 90 | 6 35 | 3 10 | | 43 00 | | 220 60 | 1,503 46 | 7,000 | 1871 | | | | 1,200 |
| Faribault | 161 86 | 166 76 | 75 07 | 16 61 | | | 12 81 | 42 31 | 60 00 | 535 42 | 2,303 18 | 17,000 | 1867 | | | | 1,800 |
| Fairmont | 20 00 | 44 00 | | 10 00 | 25 00 | | | | 6 00 | 105 00 | 750 00 | | | | | | |
| Fergus Falls | 17 85 | 15 80 | 7 65 | 6 25 | | 3 77 | 3 12 | 3 50 | 6 34 | 64 28 | 941 30 | 2,500 | 1872 | | | | 1,000 |
| Freeborn | 2 00 | 20 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | | | 25 00 | 210 00 | 1,000 | 1880 | | | | 700 |
| Freedom | | | | | | | | | | | 30 00 | | | | | | |
| Glencoe | 9 50 | 17 50 | | | | | | | | 27 00 | 678 69 | 800 | 1862 | 1,400 | | 700 | 936 |
| Glenwood † | | | 1 75 | | | | | | | 1 75 | 275 00 | | | | | | |
| Glyndon—Union | 71 28 | 29 17 | 28 42 | 4 54 | | | 14 73 | 25 28 | 69 51 | 242 93 | 1,076 85 | 4,500 | 1882 | | | | 800 |
| Grand Meadow | | | | | | | | | | | 40 00 | | | | | | |
| Granite Falls | | 20 40 | | | | | | 3 00 | 60 | 24 00 | 760 00 | 1,500 | 1873 | | | 300 | 900 |
| Goshen † | | 1 60 | | | | | | | | 1 60 | | | | | | | |
| Groveland | | 1 75 | | 2 00 | | | | 7 00 | | 10 75 | 233 89 | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 33 00 | 42 00 | 14 80 | 6 00 | | | 4 00 | | 8 57 | 108 37 | 1,040 72 | 2,000 | 1873 | 300 | | 400 | 850 |
| Hancock | | 1 65 | | 2 50 | | 2 25 | | | 5 00 | 11 40 | 350 00 | 2,000 | | | | | |
| Hartland † | | 8 69 | | | | | | | | 8 69 | | | | | | | |
| Hawley—Union | 13 10 | 21 50 | 4 28 | 3 16 | | 3 62 | | | 11 38 | 57 04 | 363 00 | 500 | 1873 | 600 | | 379 | 600 |
| High Forest | 5 70 | 2 75 | 2 96 | | | | | | 1 00 | 12 31 | 150 00 | | | 800 | | | |
| Hutchinson | 8 61 | 57 60 | 9 00 | 8 00 | | | 7 05 | | | 82 26 | 305 00 | 2,250 | | | | 300 | |
| Janesville | | 21 00 | | | | | | 2 40 | 4 00 | 27 40 | 375 00 | 300 | | | | | 500 |
| Lac Qui Parle | | 9 15 | | | | | | | | 9 15 | 80 00 | | | | | | 75 |
| Lake Benton | | 6 84 | | 4 00 | | | | | | 10 84 | 325 00 | 1,500 | 1881 | 1,500 | | 450 | 700 |
| Lake City | 9 25 | 16 75 | | 5 40 | | | | 110 00 | 21 15 | 162 55 | 1,500 00 | | | | | | |
| Lake Emily | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,600 | 1884 | | | 100 | 200 |
| Lakeland | 5 00 | 15 00 | | 10 75 | | 4 50 | | | | 35 25 | 200 00 | 2,000 | 1870 | | | | 300 |
| Lake Stay | | 15 74 | | | | | | | | 15 74 | 22 75 | | | | | | |
| Lake View | | 5 23 | | | | | | | | 5 23 | | 1,500 | 1884 | | | | |
| Little Falls | 5 65 | 4 00 | 2 67 | 5 00 | | | | | | 17 32 | 410 00 | 2,000 | 1875 | 1,600 | | 500 | 1,150 |
| Maine | | 27 00 | | | | | | | | 27 00 | 175 00 | | | | | | |
| Mankato | 14 88 | 47 35 | 21 89 | 15 00 | | 6 85 | | 8 12 | 18 65 | 132 74 | 1,225 00 | 3,000 | 1871 | | | | 1,000 |
| Mantorville † | 2 66 | 2 53 | 5 33 | | | | | | | 10 52 | | | | | | | |
| Mapleton † | | 10 17 | | | | | | | | 10 17 | | 1,600 | 1883 | 400 | | 400 | 700 |

| 8. | Organized. | | | Ministers. | | | Ch. Members. | | | | Added. | | |
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| | Year. | Month. | Day. | Name. | Date of Ordination. | Began with this Church. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. |
| | 1872 | 10 | 6 | | | | 17 | 45 | 62 | 15 | | | |
| | 1860 | 5 | 19 | John Bradshaw | 1851 | 1868 | 15 | 36 | 51 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Agency p. o.) | 1875 | 8 | 6 | Wilbur Fisk | 1876 | 1885 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 2 | | | |
| | 1856 | 10 | 25 | Wm. L. Sutherland | 1880 | 1883 | 19 | 47 | 66 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| | 1851 | 11 | 16 | Jno. L. Scudder....Ins. | 1877 | 1882 | 100 | 215 | 315 | .... | 31 | 28 | 59 |
| | 1857 | 4 | 28 | R. G. Hutchins, D.D..Ins | 1866 | 1882 | 359 | 465 | 824 | | 34 | 24 | 58 |
| | 1857 | 10 | 14 | H. C. Hovey, D. D...Ins. | 1858 | 1883 | 192 | 216 | 408 | | 72 | 44 | 116 |
| | 1873 | 8 | 20 | C. W. Merrill | 1873 | 1884 | 67 | 146 | 213 | | 25 | 22 | 47 |
| | 1882 | 12 | 9 | S. V. S. Fisher....Ins. | 1874 | 1882 | 12 | 32 | 44 | | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| | 1882 | 12 | 19 | Herbert W. Gleason.... | Lic. | 1885 | 12 | 32 | 44 | | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| | 1883 | 3 | 14 | George H. Cate | 1879 | 1885 | 11 | 32 | 43 | | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| | 1882 | 11 | 29 | Reuben A. Torrey...Ins. | 1879 | 1883 | 17 | 46 | 63 | | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| | 1882 | 7 | 8 | Geo. A. Hood | 1869 | 1884 | 32 | 87 | 119 | | 18 | 11 | 29 |
| | 1882 | 7 | 16 | Arch. Hadden.....Ins. | 1880 | 1884 | 26 | 42 | 68 | | 15 | 24 | 39 |
| | 1872 | 7 | 7 | Robert P. Herrick..... | 1883 | 1883 | 12 | 35 | 47 | | 8 | | 8 |
| | 1856 | 3 | 8 | David C. Reid | 1864 | 1885 | 20 | 34 | 54 | | | 6 | 6 |

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| Marshall | 17 10 | 35 00 | 12 35 | 3 50 | 72 50 | 30 11 | 32 56 | 5 00 | 1 00 | 95 74 | 514 80 | 3,500 | 1876 | 400 | | 100 | 700 |
| Mazeppa | 25 00 | 35 00 | 23 00 | 8 00 | | 5 00 | 429 35 | 31 00 | 3 00 | 1,471 46 | 600 00 | 2,000 | 1869 | | | | 3,000 |
| McPherson | | | | | | 5 80 | 10 00 | 630 00 | 84 00 | 942 57 | 400 00 | | | | | | 2,500 |
| Medford | 30 55 | 32 57 | | 3 50 | 72 50 | 30 11 | 32 56 | 31 00 | 3 00 | 1,471 46 | 600 00 | 1,200 | 1876 | 400 | | 100 | 700 |
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| Plymouth | 75 00 | 129 00 | 506 40 | 179 50 | 50 00 | 30 11 | 429 35 | 31 00 | 3 00 | 942 57 | 19,926 11 | 100,000 | 1865 | | | | 4,000 |
| Second | 64 82 | 100 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 50 00 | 5 00 | 10 00 | 630 00 | 84 00 | 2,250 03 | 2,250 03 | 30,000 | 1876 | 1,800 | | 1,500 | 2,500 |
| Pilgrim | 44 34 | 108 44 | 15 75 | 11 82 | 3 60 | 5 80 | | 233 50 | 10 00 | 171 32 | 1,350 00 | 14,100 | 1884 | | | | 1,500 |
| Vine | | 36 30 | 24 00 | 5 00 | | | | 30 00 | 2 40 | 732 45 | 734 04 | 4,300 | 1882 | | | | 1,200 |
| Como Avenue | 18 00 | 18 00 | | | | | | 12 45 | 3 00 | 119 93 | 1,300 00 | 2,000 | 1879 | | | | 1,000 |
| Union | | | 9 85 | 5 00 | | 10 30 | 3 50 | 58 47 | 25 02 | 138 85 | 350 00 | 4,000 | 1882 | | | 500 | 1,200 |
| Open Door | 50 42 | 30 42 | 26 38 | 12 06 | | | | 30 00 | 3 00 | 138 85 | 400 00 | 6,500 | | | | | 1,500 |
| Mayflower | 5 57 | 5 57 | | | | | | 15 00 | | 58 34 | 3,700 00 | 3,700 | 1884 | | | 1,800 | 1,200 |
| Lyndale | 3 94 | 18 20 | 5 00 | 6 43 | | 6 88 | | 82 20 | 10 00 | 1,660 00 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1884 | | | | 800 |
| Minneapolis. | 1 45 | 35 00 | | | | | | 2 00 | | 36 45 | 928 53 | 2,000 | 1876 | 1,800 | | 100 | 800 |
| Montevideo | | 15 00 | | | | | | | | 15 00 | 926 53 | 2,000 | 1879 | 1,750 | | 1,365 | 800 |
| Monticello | | 14 00 | | | | | | 5 75 | | 19 75 | 100 00 | 2,000 | 1879 | 800 | 200 | 125 | 1,100 |
| Morris | | 11 50 | | 6 00 | | | | | 6 00 | 23 50 | 385 00 | 2,000 | 1879 | | | | 700 |
| Morristown | | 14 12 | | | | | | | | 14 12 | 100 00 | | | | | | |
| New Richland + | | 5 00 | | 2 50 | | | | 3 62 | | 11 13 | 1,006 00 | | | | | | 800 |
| New Ulm | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 00 | 400 00 | | | | | | |
| North Branch | | 825 00 | 501 35 | 551 35 | 150 35 | 30 37 | 400 00 | 335 74 | 332 33 | 3,365 33 | 2,700 00 | | | | | 1,800 | |
| Northfield | | 333 21 | 75 00 | 9 00 | | | | 3 35 | 4 50 | 71 31 | 2,750 00 | | | | | | 950 |
| Ortonville | | 36 71 | 26 06 | 25 45 | | | 5 76 | | 4 00 | 187 11 | 1,225 00 | 1,300 | 1886 | 1,300 | | 400 | 1,000 |
| Owatonna | | | | | | | | | | | 100 00 | | | | | | |
| Park Rapids | | 4 65 | | 8 00 | | | | 25 00 | | 37 65 | 300 00 | | | | | 150 | 600 |
| Payneesville | | 15 00 | | 3 00 | | | | 2 50 | | 20 50 | 244 55 | | | 600 | | 2,100 | |
| Pelican Rapids | 5 00 | 10 00 | | | | | | | | 10 00 | | | | | | | |
| Perham | | 825 00 | 501 35 | 551 35 | 150 35 | 30 37 | 400 00 | 335 74 | 332 33 | 3,365 33 | 2,700 00 | | | | | 1,800 | |
| Plainview | 8 00 | 8 96 | 7 15 | 7 00 | | | | 2 35 | | 45 31 | 1,038 95 | | | | | | 800 |
| Preston Lake | | 2 00 | | | | 10 00 | | | | 10 00 | 10 00 | 6,000 | 1871 | | | | |
| Princeton + | | 42 90 | 44 00 | 36 96 | | 13 10 | | 31 71 | 30 31 | 288 87 | 1,750 00 | 10,000 | | | | 400 | 1,500 |
| Rochester | 44 00 | | | | | | | 1 75 | | 1 75 | 16 10 | 500 | 1872 | | | | |
| Rose Creek | | 36 32 | 6 35 | 8 35 | | 2 00 | | 2 00 | 10 00 | 18 91 | 368 34 | 800 | 1880 | | | | 666 |
| Rushford | 18 91 | 6 00 | | | | 2 50 | | 10 00 | | 18 50 | 85 00 | 1,095 | 1871 | | | | 150 |
| Salem | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| RGAN-ZED. | | | MINISTERS. | | | CHURCH MEMBERS. | | | | ADDED. | | | REMOVI | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month. | Day. | NAME. | Date of Ordination. | Began with this Ch. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Absent. | Profession. | Letter. | Total. | Died. | Dismissed. | Disciplin'd. |
| 7 | 1 | 20 | James B. Drew | 1868 | 1884 | 41 | 70 | 111 | 36 | 13 | 5 | 18 | | | |
| 5 | 2 | 28 | Jacob S. Hull | 1878 | 1885 | 9 | 17 | 26 | | | | | 3 | 2 | |
| 6 | 6 | 23 | | | * | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | | | | | | |
| 9 | 3 | 16 | | | | 11 | 14 | 25 | | 4 | 3 | 7 | | | |
| 2 | 5 | 23 | Chas. P. Watson | 1857 | 1884 | 16 | 26 | 42 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 5 | |
| 9 | | | | | * | 9 | 4 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 27 | Josiah Kidder | 1880 | 1881 | 6 | 10 | 16 | | | | | | 1 | |
| 6 | 5 | 24 | William A. Lyman | 1876 | 1884 | 50 | 88 | 139 | 25 | 13 | 4 | 17 | | | 3 |
| 9 | 2 | 26 | Dennis H. Bicknell | 1874 | 1883 | 22 | 55 | 77 | 35 | 6 | 4 | 10 | | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | 10 | John W. Hargrave | 1879 | 1885 | 31 | 60 | 91 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 23 | | 12 | |
| 3 | 7 | 22 | | | | 18 | 17 | 35 | | 6 | 8 | 14 | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 12 | Thos. R. Quayle | | * | 12 | 13 | 25 | 5 | | | | | | |
| 9 | 3 | 24 | H. F. Colwell | | 1885 | 5 | 8 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | 14 | Geo. S. Ricker | 1873 | 1883 | 7 | 21 | 28 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 10 | | 2 | |
| 3 | 6 | 17 | M. McG. Dana, D.D. Ins. | 1864 | 1878 | 209 | 311 | 520 | 30 | 13 | 28 | 41 | 1 | 18 | |
| 2 | 1 | 31 | Elnion C. Evans | 1878 | 1884 | 44 | 62 | 106 | 16 | 32 | 24 | 56 | 1 | | |
| 3 | 2 | 6 | G. R. Dickinson | 1885 | 1885 | 21 | 45 | 66 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | |

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | A. H. M. S. | A. M. A. | A. C. C. | Col. and Education Soc. | Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc. | New W. Ed. Com. | Other Benef. | S. S. Benef. | Total Benef. | Church Expenses. | House of Worship, etc. | House of Worship erected. | Parsonage. | Amount of Funds. | Indebtedness. | Salary. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sauk Center | 60 00 | 44 00 | 3 00 | 9 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 116 00 | 1,400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sauk Rapids | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 300 00 | 1,200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 | ..... |
| Sherburne | 2 00 | 10 00 | 6 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 7 00 | 27 00 | 530 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sleepy Eye | 3 00 | 17 50 | ..... | 3 35 | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 85 | 940 00 | 2,000 | 1881 | ..... | ..... | 30 | 884 |
| Springfield | 3 00 | 7 00 | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | 13 00 | 26 00 | 104 00 | 575 | 1877 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Spring Valley | 21 50 | 39 55 | 24 00 | 8 10 | 3 50 | ..... | 13 35 | 20 20 | ..... | 130 20 | 943 65 | 3,000 | 1868 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| St. Charles | 30 00 | 5 00 | 4 32 | 1 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 79 | 825 00 | 4,500 | 1871 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 700 |
| St. Cloud | 34 65 | 25 15 | 6 55 | 6 35 | 2 25 | ..... | 5 50 | 10 21 | 63 85 | 154 51 | 1,515 00 | 6,000 | 1867 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,000 |
| Stephen | ..... | 15 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 00 | 96 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sterling † | ..... | 6 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stewartville | 4 00 | 1 50 | 2 08 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | 10 58 | 30 00 | 3,000 | 1871 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stillwater—Grace | 9 00 | 22 00 | 4 00 | 15 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 15 90 | 27 75 | 98 65 | 2,088 00 | 5,000 | 1884 | 380 | ..... | 503 | 1,200 |
| St. Paul { Plymouth | 416 51 | 544 29 | 38 51 | 41 97 | 11 74 | ..... | 14 88 | 700 00 | 300 00 | 2,025 93 | 5,000 00 | 40,000 | 1872 | ..... | ..... | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| St. Paul { Pacific | 17 50 | 75 35 | ..... | 42 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 00 | 70 00 | 157 35 | 1,308 33 | 10,000 | 1882 | ..... | ..... | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| St. Paul { Atlantic | 60 00 | 77 61 | 12 00 | 51 05 | ..... | ..... | 35 00 | ..... | ..... | 235 66 | 674 47 | 6,000 | 1883 | ..... | ..... | 2,400 | 1,200 |
| St. Paul { Park | 72 00 | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 00 | ..... | 152 00 | 2,881 24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tyler | 5 75 | 2 10 | ..... | 3 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 13 | 13 21 | 60 00 | 1,300 | 1883 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Villard | ..... | 9 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 70 | 14 90 | 365 00 | 2,000 | 1884 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| Verndale | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 100 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wabasha | 31 58 | 37 75 | 11 63 | 50 00 | ..... | 4 20 | 7 07 | ..... | ..... | 142 28 | 5,745 00 | 5,500 | 1884 | 3,500 | 150 | 175 | 1,200 |
| Wadena | 2 00 | 20 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 3 00 | 34 00 | 65 00 | 3,000 | 1882 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,000 |
| Walnut Grove | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 30 00 | 1,500 | 1874 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Waseca | 33 36 | 56 76 | 14 19 | 19 33 | ..... | 6 87 | 14 19 | 147 31 | 14 82 | 308 84 | 1,364 10 | 4,000 | 1871 | 1,400 | ..... | ..... | 950 |
| Waterville | ..... | 8 61 | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 | 16 61 | 225 00 | 1,770 | 1882 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 434 |
| Wayzata | ..... | 16 00 | ..... | 4 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 30 00 | 400 00 | 1,500 | 1880 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 |
| West Union | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 67 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Winona | 383 75 | 530 48 | 136 41 | 60 00 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 100 00 | 5,120 00 | 100 00 | 6,490 64 | 4,955 46 | 40,000 | 1882 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,500 |
| Wiscoy | ..... | 2 74 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 24 | 998 00 | 1,500 | 1884 | ..... | ..... | 610 | ..... |
| Worthington | 15 00 | 49 00 | 13 00 | 15 00 | 13 00 | ..... | ..... | 80 00 | ..... | 135 00 | 1,161 00 | 3,000 | 1873 | ..... | ..... | 400 | 800 |
| Zumbrota | 72 65 | 67 95 | 20 50 | 27 00 | ..... | 10 50 | 16 00 | ..... | 15 40 | 230 00 | 1,156 00 | 4,500 | 1862 | 2,000 | ..... | ..... | 1,150 |
| Totals | 5,271 51 | 5,968 50 | 1,926 14 | 1,446 58 | 379 27 | 210 27 | 1,140 81 | 39,568 07 | 2,564 12 | 58,501 13 | 140,739 94 | 509,792 | .... | 29,580 | 350 | 31,249 | ..... |

CHANGES from last year's list of Chu

*New*,—Barnesville, Lake Emily, Ne
Wiscoy.

*Re-organized*,—Glenwood, Grand M

*Dropped*,—Cannon City, Carson and
sota Lake, Rendsville, St. Olaf, Tracy, W

CHURCHES: 16 with installed pastors
(including 7 supplied by licénciates, etc.)

MINISTERS: 16 installed pastors, 60 a

CHURCH MEMBERS: 3,282 males, 5,
ing 1,202 absent. Gain, 914. Resident n

ADDITIONS: 898 on profession, 678 l

REMOVALS: 49 by death, 402 by dism

BAPTISMS: 417 adults, 214 infants.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: Home, 12,90
Gain, 2,156.

FAMILIES: 121 churches reporting (

BENEFICENCE: 120 churches reportin
crease, $6,827.03.

PARISH EXPENDITURES: 109 church
739.94. Increase, $18,391.04.

CHURCH BUILDINGS, ETC.: 90 report

PARSONAGES: 23 reported; aggrega

# CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

ARRANGED ACCORDING TO CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP, WITH OTHER CONFERENCE AND CHURCH ITEMS.

See previous tables for Post Office Address.

## I. ANOKA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 4, 1866, at Elk River.

REGISTRAR: Harlan P. Roberts, 319 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. C. W. Merrill, Minneapolis; Rev. H. H. Hart and Rev. R. A. Torrey.

| | CHURCHES. | RES. MEM. | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Afton | 7 | | R. Buswell | |
| | Anoka | 70 | | E. L. Curial | Geo. W. Church |
| | Arcola | 15 | | Mrs. Chas. Hunter | J. Huntley |
| | Brownton | 24 | | Mrs. D. Y. Butler | D. Y. Butler |
| | Cottage Grove | 57 | L. H. Moses | Saml. H. Thurber | Rev. L. H. Moses |
| | Dassel | 34 | | W. D. Bangs | A. M. Bell |
| | Elk River | 128 | Wm. M. Jenkins | H. D. Mills | W. H. Houlton |
| | Excelsior | 155 | I. L. Cory | Miss Ella Stratton | J. C. Huntington |
| | Glencoe | 41 | | F. A. Graves | Dr. R. S. Miles |
| | Groveland | 17 | | Knight Whipple | Knight Whipple |
| | Hutchinson | 27 | H. L. Chase | Howard Bacon | C. K. Goodnow |
| | Lakeland | 15 | Geo. S. Ricker | Charles F. Tyler | Preston T. Jackson |
| Minneapolis. | First | 315 | John L. Scudder | C. W. Hall | C. M. Bailey |
| | Plymouth | 738 | R. G. Hutchins, D. D. | H. J. Fletcher | Geo. B. Shephard |
| | Second | 288 | H. C. Hovey, D. D. | Geo. H. Spry | Geo. Bacheller |
| | Pilgrim | 193 | C. W. Merrill | Jno. Chant | Horace N. Leighton |
| | Vine | 74 | S. V. S. Fisher | David A. Macurdy | George G. Sanborn |
| | Como Avenue | 27 | Herbert W. Gleason | Geo. W. Furber | James T. Elwell |
| | Union | 44 | George A. Hood | Louise Hanke | Charles Hanke |
| | Mayflower | 47 | Geo. H. Cate | John Hillier | Frederick W. Buswell |
| | Open Door | 44 | Reuben A. Torrey | Mrs. P. H. Hughes | R. A. Torrey |
| | Lyndale | 68 | Archibald Hadden | E. B. Hood | C. R. Newcomb |
| | North Branch | 7 | | C. W. Kent | C. W. Kent |
| | Preston Lake | 13 | | Walkin Eynon | Rev. S. H. Kellogg |
| | Stillwater—Grace | 26 | George S. Ricker | Rev. Alvan D. Roe | Pastor |
| St. Paul. | Plymouth | 490 | M. McG. Dana, D. D. | J. W. Forbes | Rev. H. H. Hart |
| | Pacific | 90 | Einion C. Evans | C. W. Clark | W. F. Myron |
| | Atlantic | 60 | | Frank A. Davis | Geo. M. Gage |
| | Park | 76 | Norman Seaver | W. K. Mulliken | J. W. Dyer |
| | Wayzata | 29 | Chas. A. Conant | Miss Alice Churchill | Miles Dickey |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: J. W. Carlson, N. C. Chapin, Henry L. Chase, Chas. A. Conant, Isaac L. Cory, M. McG. Dana, Einion C. Evans, S. V. S. Fisher, A. Fuller, Richard Hall, Geo. A. Hood, Horace C. Hovey, Robt. G. Hutchins, W. M. Jenkins, D. M. Lewis, Chas. W. Merrill, M. W. Montgomery, John H. Morley, W. J. Parmelee, N. H. Pierce, T. R. Quayle, Geo. S. Ricker, John L. Scudder, M. A. Stevens, R. A. Torrey, Henry F. Tyler, E. H. Votaw, F. N. Walcott, E. S. Williams.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Monticello | | 46 | David C. Reid |
| Osakis | | 11 | |
| Paynesville | | 40 | John W. Todd |
| Princeton | | 16 | |
| Sauk Center | | 75 | James B. Drew |
| Sauk Rapids | | 26 | Jacob S. Hull |
| St. Cloud | | 86 | |
| Villard | | 21 | Chas. A. Ruddock |
| West Union | | 11 | |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: J. Hayes
S. Hull, A. A. Hurd, J. Spencer Jewell,
David C. Reid, Geo. W. Sargent, John W

## III. MANKATO C

ANNUAL MEETING: At call of Execu
REGISTRAR: Rev. H. A. Bushnell, M
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. L. W
Fisk, Rev. J. H. Nason.

| CHURCHES. | MEMBERSHIP. | MINISTERS. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belgrade (Mankato) | 23 | | |
| Center Chain | 18 | John H. Nason | |
| Edgerton | 20 | | |
| Fairmont | 66 | John H. Nason | |
| Freeborn | 36 | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Freedom (Alma City) | 14 | Wilbur Fisk | |
| Goshen (Courtland) | 9 | | |
| Hartland | 21 | | |
| Janesville | 27 | Joseph S. Rounce | |
| Mankato | 99 | Henry A. Bushnell | |
| Mapleton | 20 | Thomas R. Quayle | |

## IV. MINNESOTA VALLEY CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 29, 1886, at Montevideo.

REGISTRAR: Rev. R. P. Herrick, Montevideo.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. Chas. A. Ruddock, Villard; Rev. J. B. Fairbank, Rev. K. F. Norris.

| CHURCHES. | REM MEM | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appleton | 8 | E. F. Wheeler | C. D. Hastings | C. D. Hastings |
| Benson | 25 | | F. C. Robins | W. B. Harter |
| Granite Falls | 37 | | W. A. Graves | W. A. Graves |
| Hancock | 24 | E. N. Ruddock | Geo. B. Nutting | Wm. N. Nutting |
| Lac Qui Parle | 3 | E. F. Wheeler | | Ashley Himle |
| Lake Emily | 14 | E. N. Ruddock | Albert Waldron | Albert Waldron |
| Montevideo | 35 | R. P. Herrick | Lucius F. Clark | Rev. O. A. Starr |
| Morris | 65 | K. F. Norris | E. S. Hall | A. A. Stone |
| Ortonville | 46 | J. B. Fairbank | Curtiss Schweigel | Rev. J. B. Fairbank |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: John B. Fairbank, Robert P. Herrick, Kingsley F. Norris, Geo. B. Nutting, Chas. A. Ruddock, Edw. N. Ruddock, O. A. Starr. Licentiates: J. T. Marvin, Edward F. Wheeler.

## V. NORTHERN PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 17, 1886, at Brainerd.

REGISTRAR: Rev. J. F. Taintor, Fergus Falls.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. N. B. Kelly, Brainerd; Rev. C. E. Page, Rev. C. W. Bird.

| CHURCHES. | REM MEM | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ada | 18 | John A. Wells | A. W. Sugden | F. L. Hampson |
| Aitkin | 15 | W. E. Archibald | William Orr | Rev. W. E. Archibald |
| Audubon | 14 | | L. C. McKinstry | Thos. W. Dunlap |
| Barnesville | 7 | W. H. Kaufman | Eugene Boss | J. N. Childs |
| Bluffton | 11 | | | |
| Brainerd—First | 108 | Newton B. Kelly | H. C. Craig | A. E. Losey |
| Brainerd—Second | 25 | W. H. Medlar | D. B. Webb | W. H. Medlar |
| Breckenridge | 3 | | | Wm. M. James |
| Crookston | 46 | Charles E. Page | W. D. Pinkerton | D. W. Taylor |
| Detroit (Detroit City) | 13 | David W. Morgan | John K. West | Dr. E. K. Ogden |
| Duluth | 92 | Edward M. Noyes | A. H. Foster | W. G. Peck |
| Evansville—Union | 7 | | Nellie Bronson | Dorcas Titcomb |
| Fergus Falls | 35 | Jesse F. Taintor | H. H. Cook | J. F. Taintor |
| Glyndon—Union | 35 | C. Willard Bird | C. G. Tracy | C. R. Andrews |
| Hawley—Union | 32 | Oscar M. Smith | Adna Colburn, Jr. | John Costain |
| Lake Park | 3 | | | |
| Lake View (Det. City) | 7 | David W. Morgan | M. J. Lewis | Mrs. Corbett |
| Maine | 11 | | B. L. Bull | M. M. Webster |
| Muskoda | 3 | | | |
| Park Rapids | 20 | | Henry R. Cobb | Gilbert H. Rice |
| Pelican Rapids | 13 | | J. A. Goodrich | P. A. Williams |
| Perham | 3 | | | |
| Scambler (Bangor) | 17 | | | |
| Stephen | 30 | | Robert Towers | G. Ritter |
| Verndale | 11 | Charles B. Fellows | John T. Drawz | A. S. McMillan |
| Wadena | 30 | Charles B. Fellows | Mrs. Chester Boss | B. F. Buck |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: S. H. Barteau, C. W. Bird, S. M. Bronson, J. W. Hargrave, N. B. Kelly, Ludwig Kribs, E. M. Noyes, C. E. Page, O. M. Smith, J. F. Taintor, J. A. Wells.

## VI. OWATONNA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 1, 1886, at Dodge Center.
REGISTRAR: C. E. Wright, Austin.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. C. E. Wright, Austin; Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. Edmund Gale.

| CHURCHES. | RES. MEM. | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austin | 170 | C. E. Wright | Wm. M. Howe | L. S. Willard |
| Claremont | 29 | A. H. Tebbets | F. O. Stevens | Robt. L. Ginsley |
| Dexter | 11 | | Harvy Derr | W. T. Hoppin |
| Dodge Center | 19 | A. H. Tebbets | T. J. Hunt | M. Richardson |
| Faribault | 220 | Edmund Gale | Rev. S. B. Wilson | R. A. Mott |
| Grand Meadow | 6 | | H. B. Sheldon | |
| Hamilton | 70 | Eugene F. Hunt | Seth Babcock | Richard Engle |
| Mantorville | 57 | | E. C. Severance | |
| Medford | 56 | W. L. Sutherland | Myron Skinner | L. R. Barlow |
| Merristown | 34 | W. J. Parmelee | Mrs. S. R. Short | J. P. Temple |
| Northfield | 340 | E. M. Williams | L. W. Chaney, Jr. | W. S. Pattee |
| Owatonna | 156 | J. Newton Brown | I. W. Burch | L. L. Wheelock |
| Rose Creek | 19 | | F. E. Ray | D. McTavish |
| Spring Valley | 114 | W. A. Lyman | W. L. Kellogg | F. V. Edwards |
| Waterville | 22 | J. Hayward | A. P. Merrill | Alex. Kenrick |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: J. N. Brown, E. Gale, Prof. G. Huntington, W. A. Lyman, A. Morse, W. J. Parmelee, Prof. A. H. Pearson, E. E. Rogers, J. C. Strong, Pres. J. W. Strong, A. H. Tebbets, W. L. Sutherland, E. M. Williams, A. Willey, C. E. Wright.

## VII. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 8, 1886, at Lake Benton.
REGISTRAR: Rev. Albert Warren, Lake Benton.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. A. Warren, Lake Benton; Rev. C. P. Watson, Rev. J. Kidder.

| CHURCHES. | RES. MEM. | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clifton (Marshall p. o.) | 6 | | A. E. Jackson | |
| Custer (Tracy p. o.) | 29 | P. K. Peregrine | Philip Peregrine, Jr. | Benj. F. Hughes |
| Eden (Lolland p. o.) | 21 | | Mrs. T. C. Luddington | M. C. Tower |
| Etna (Tyler p. o.) | 10 | D. D. Kidd | A. F. Reynolds | |
| Lake Benton | 19 | Albert Warren | Rev. A. Warren | O. W. Eckel |
| Lake Stay | 20 | D. D. Kidd | Amos Porter | A. H. Carpenter |
| Marshall | 47 | | R. R. Bumford | T. W. Robinson |
| New Ulm | 8 | C. Mowery | | Mrs. C. H. Ross |
| Sleepy Eye | 36 | C. P. Watson | W. M. Murfin | I. Gallagher |
| Springfield | 16 | Josiah Kidder | Mrs. C. Robertson | W. H. Tompkins |
| Tyler | 8 | D. D. Kidd | J. W. Field | Mrs. J. P. Lechler |
| Walnut Grove | 16 | | Mrs. C. L. Webber | Mrs. C. L. Webber |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: D. D. Jones, Josiah Kidder, Christian Mowery, Philip K. Peregrine, Albert Warren, Chas. P. Watson.

## VIII. WINONA CONFERENCE.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 25, 1886, at Cannon Falls.

REGISTRAR: Rev. Dennis H. Bicknell, Saint Charles.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. J. H. Crum, Winona; Rev. N. T. Blakeslee, Rev. W. C. Rice.

| CHURCHES. | RES. MEM. | MINISTERS. | CHURCH CLERKS. | S. S. SUPT'S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannon Falls | 58 | R. S. Cross | W. H. Scofield | A. S. Conley |
| Douglass (Hastings) | 25 | R. S. Cross | Norris W. Taplin | Chas. C. Carver |
| High Forest | 41 | | E. Turner | E. Turner |
| Lake City | 102 | J. W. Horner | J. W. Horner | J. W. Horner |
| Mazeppa | 35 | John Bradshaw | E. R. Ruth | S. H. Wyatt |
| Plainview | 104 | | R. C. Stillman | M. A. Robinson |
| Rochester | 142 | | Chas. N. Ainslie | Geo. W. Swasey |
| Rushford | 54 | Wm. W. Snell | Wm. W. Snell | Wm. W. Snell |
| St. Charles | 42 | D. H. Bicknell | I. C. Brewer | E. M. Gallup |
| Stewartville | 13 | | J. T. Collin | |
| Wabasha | 58 | N. T. Blakeslee | C. H. Robinson | M. Kennedy |
| Winona | 312 | J. H. Crum | Chas. A. Tenney | Prof. Irwin Shepard |
| Wiscoy | 10 | | Fannie K. Ellison | H. C. Kidder |
| Witoka | 21 | | | |
| Zumbrota | 110 | W. C. Rice | Henry Sargent | J. H. Farwell |

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: D. H. Bicknell, N. T. Blakeslee, Rowland S. Cross, J. H. Crum, H. Elmer, R. W. Harlow, J. W. Horner, S. K. Perkins, W. W. Snell, H. B. Tuttle.

# MINISTERIAL RECORD.

CORRECTED TO OCTOBER 10, 1885.

| NAME. | ORDAINED. YR. | M. | D. | PRESENT RELATION. | P. O. ADDRESS. | MEMBER OF CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Archibald, William E | 1862 | 4 | 14 | A. P | Aitkin | |
| Armstrong, Robert S | 1856 | 4 | 13 | W. C | Preston | Mankato |
| Bartean, Sidney H | 1857 | 2 | 10 | W. C | Angus | Northern Pacific |
| Bicknell, Dennis H | 1872 | 4 | 8 | A. P | St. Charles | Winona |
| Bird, Charles W | 1880 | 5 | 26 | A. P | Glyndon | Northern Pacific |
| Blakeslee, Newton T | 1868 | 11 | 11 | A. P | Wabasha | Winona |
| Bradshaw, John | 1851 | 11 | 1 | A. P | Mazeppa | Chicago (Ills.) |
| Bronson, Samuel M | 1861 | 9 | 22 | | Evansville | Northern Pacific |
| Brown, J. Newton | 1870 | 10 | 23 | P | Owatonna | Owatonna |
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| Hutchins, Robert G., D. D. | 1866 | | | P |
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| Medlar, W. H | 1885 | 10 | 1 | A. P. |
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| Merrill, Elijah W | 1864 | | | W. C. |
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| Morse, Alfred | 1848 | 6 | 7 | W. C. |
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